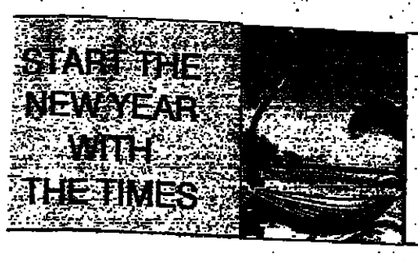
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Clinic denies 'racial engineering'

Watchdog to report on designer baby

By Nick Nuttall and Emma Wilkins

■ Advances in infertility treatments are highlighting profound differences over whether parents should be able to choose the characteristics of their child

A REPORT into the case of a black woman who wants to be implanted with an egg from a white donor at a British fertility clinic was ordered last night by the Government's watchdog on test-tube baby treatments.

The request from the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority came as the clinic at the centre of the controversy rejected accusations of racial engineering and doctors' leaders called for an updating of guidelines to keep pace with medical technology.

Hugh Whittall, deputy chief executive of the authority, said that any clinic found to be "flagrantly and persistently" breaking ethical ground rules would be shut down. "We have that ultimate sanction to take away their licence." But Dr Peter Brinsden, director of the Bourn Hall Clinic in Cambridge, said the procedure was necessary in this case because a donor from the woman's own Afro-Caribbean background could not be found. He dismissed suggestions that the woman, whose husband is of mixed race and who first went to the clinic four years ago, had specified that she wanted a child which was more white than black.

"Right at the very beginning, the woman said, 'Because my husband is of mixed race, I do not mind if the egg is from a white or black donor. We want a child we will love.' The father is of mixed race so the child will be of mixed race anyway," he said. "There is no question of genetic engineering. It is really only a matter of varying degrees of shades of black and white when the child is born," said Dr Brinsden.

But as concern intensified, Dr Fleur Fisher, head of the British Medical Association's ethics, science and information division, said: "I don't think that, either nationally or internationally, we have developed an adequate framework of ethical principles to support doctors who are helping patients with fertility problems." Doctors and society should debate the issue and the ethics should be decided by a national committee. "This is going to come to the fore more frequently. It is not merely the instance of race, as in this case, but there are other characteristics people will be able to select."

The Rt Rev Wilfred Wood, Bishop of Croydon and the Church of England's only black bishop, said children were not the property of *individuals but gifts from God* and should be treasured irrespective of their ethnic grouping. "This woman's desire to have a child is perfectly understandable and it does not matter what ethnic group the child belongs to."

The bishop said he would strongly oppose efforts to restrict trans-racial implants: "To say you should not implant the egg from a white woman into a black woman is nonsense. I cannot see how, if the process is legal and available, anyone could tell someone else that they are not allowed to avail themselves of the choice."

Dr Brinsden said the woman, who is in her forties, had been waiting for a suitable donor. Under a process known as genetic matching, the clinic had tried to find a black donor. But the case has demonstrated an acute shortage of egg donors from ethnic minorities. Because of the woman's advancing years and her desperation, it was considered ethical to use an ovum from a white donor.

"She is over 40 and under 48. We had one black donor ages ago who fell through. We have thought very carefully about this but no black eggs are available. We are desperately short of donor eggs of all colours and races, but particularly from ethnic [minority] communities," said Dr Brinsden.

The case of the British couple came in the wake of news that a couple in Italy



Fisher: called for ethics debate

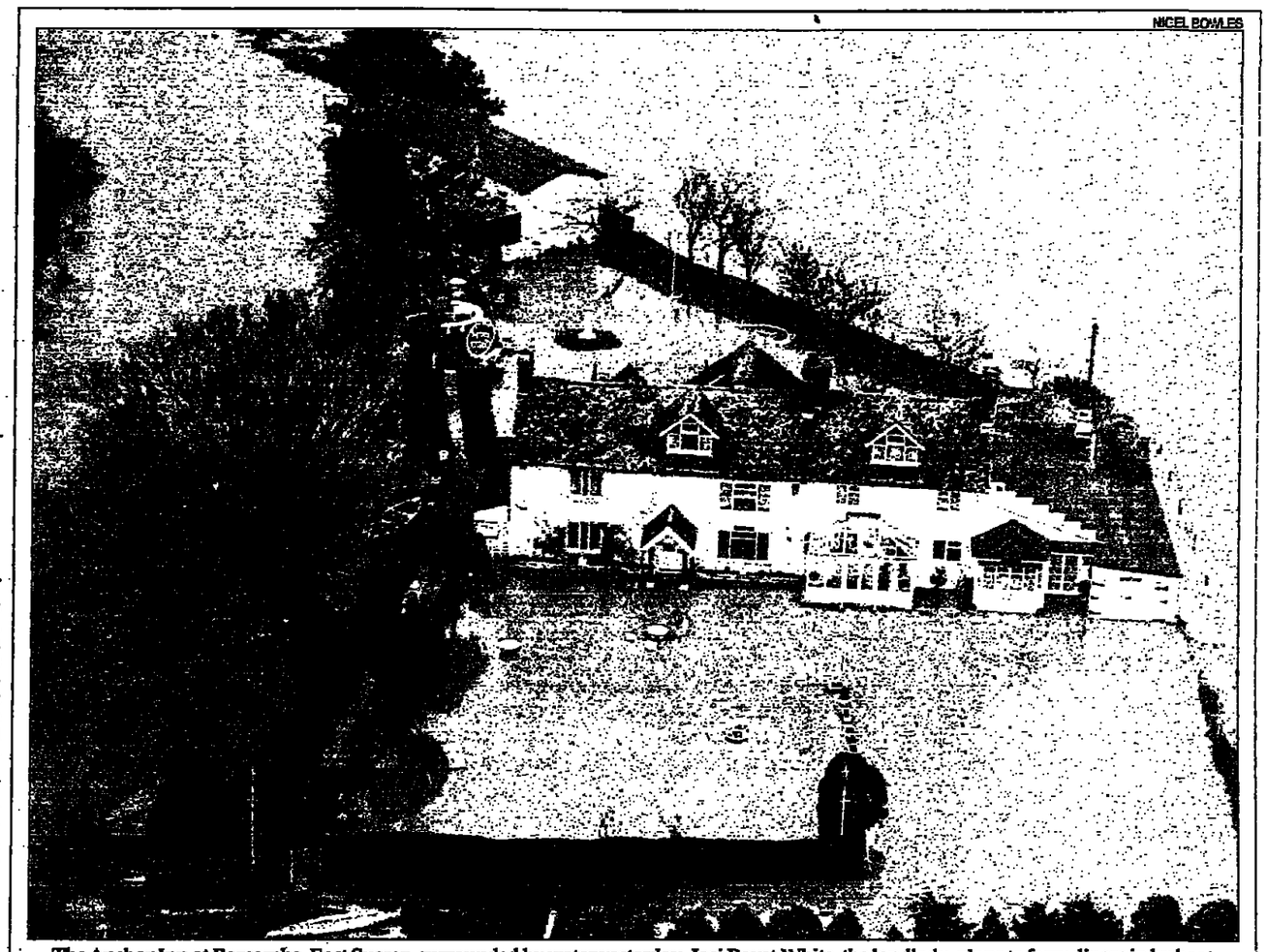
were given fertility treatment which involved the donation of white ova to a black woman because they wanted a white child. Maria Pia Garavaglia, the Italian Health Minister, called yesterday for a curb on artificial pregnancies. She said European health ministers would meet, at Britain's request, to attempt to draw up common guidelines on test-tube fertility techniques.

Her intervention also follows the controversy over a 59-year-old British woman who gave birth to twins on Christmas Day after treatment in Italy. A High Court judge in London yesterday rejected an attempt to lift the ban on identifying the woman.

Mr Justice Ewbank, who issued an injunction gagging the press and media at the

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The Anchor Inn at Barcombe, East Sussex, surrounded by water yesterday. Jaci Bovet-White, the landlady, plans to ferry diners in by boat

Forecasters warn of a soggy start to 1994

By Kate Alderson and Lin Jenkins

FORECASTERS predicted a wet start to 1994 as fresh flood warnings were issued in seven counties of southern England. Emergency services were still struggling last night to salvage homes and rescue residents engulfed by waters up to 7ft high.

Six looters who raided a high street supermarket ripped apart by floodwater in Sussex on Thursday night were arrested, with police searching for 15 further suspects yesterday. At the end of the wettest year since 1981 the National Rivers Authority was forced to put many villages on red alert in Sussex and Kent, warning that high waters were imminent.

More than 2½in of rain fell in parts of southern England in the space of 24 hours. Since Thursday floods have also hit Cornwall, Dorset, Hampshire, Gloucestershire and the Isle of Wight, submerging whole streets.

Four men and two boys were arrested when officers raced to Uckfield, Sussex, where the River Uck burst its banks and swept through 30 shops in the High Street. Within minutes the entire stock, including thousands of pounds' worth of liquor, was washed into the high street where a crowd of around 300 people had spilled from the pubs to watch the spectacle. Some threw themselves into the floodwater and dived after boxes of goods, taking them to their cars.

Superintendent Royce Hipgrave of Sussex Police said: "There were some armed with shopping trolleys because they couldn't carry all that they wanted in their hands."

Firemen on the Isle of Wight dealt with more than 400 flood calls, forced to use every available fire engine, including three of their reserve fleet.

Constant heavy rain left homes flooded up to first-floor level in Kent. As the Tiese, Lesser Tiese and Beult rivers burst their banks residents in the Lamberhurst area were evacuated from their homes and into church halls.

In Cornwall a wall of water up to 7ft deep ripped through the narrow streets of the fishing village of Polperro, causing hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of damage. At Barnham, near Bognor Regis, more than 100 people were rescued by the Selsey and Shoreham inshore lifeboats.

In Hampshire, 2 inches of rain fell in 24 hours in Southsea, almost as much as the town's normal December rainfall.

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Four die in gun attack on bar

From Ray Kennedy

THOUSANDS of revellers set out in South Africa last night amid fears that an armed attack on a Cape Town bar late on Thursday, in which four young people were killed and at least five injured, could unleash a new year of savage, indiscriminate violence as the country prepares for its first fully democratic election.

Two young white women and an Indian girl were killed when five black gunmen opened fire with automatic weapons into the crowded Heidelberg bar and restuarant, a *popular nightspot for* young people of all races. The owner of a restuarant was shot dead outside as he ran to see what was going on.

At least five young men, four whites and one coloured, were wounded. Police found more than 50 spent cartridge cases.

Two black extremist organisations claimed responsibility for the attack which was similar to the massacre last July on worshippers in St James's church in Kenilworth, Cape Town, which left 12 people dead and 29 injured. In telephone calls to the South African Press

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Britain gives Sudan four days to explain expulsion

By David Watts

THE possibility of Britain expelling the Sudanese ambassador loomed large last night after the Foreign Office gave Khartoum four days to reconsider its own expulsion of the British ambassador.

Abdul Rahman Bakhit, Sudan's Charge d'Affaires in London, was summoned to a meeting yesterday with Sir Michael Burton, head of the Foreign Office's Middle East and North Africa Department, and told that Khartoum's explanation for expelling ambassador Peter Streams was "inadequate".

The Sudanese Government said it had been insulted that Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, had refused to stay anywhere in the capital other than the British embassy during his current visit. But the Archbishop's spokesman insisted it was clear that Khartoum wanted to control his movements during his tour of the Government-held southern city of Juba and the partly-Christian Nuba region.

Though the Foreign Office says it wants to contain the diplomatic row — not least because of the hundreds of British aid workers in Sudan — there are indications that the fundamentalist government in Khartoum will not back down.

Sudan gained independence from Britain on January 1, 1956, and London's pro-active attitude on human rights there has irritated the Government of President al-Bashir at a time when it has been introducing *sharia* law and strengthening its ties with the Muslim world, notably with Iran, which is said to have sent Revolutionary Guards to fight in the civil war.

Intelligence sources have claimed that the Bashir regime holds training camps for Middle East terrorist groups. Washington has blacklisted Sudan for sponsoring terrorism after the New York World Trade Centre bomb attack in February.

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Macmillan blamed MI5 for Profumo

By Matthew d'Ancona

HAROLD Macmillan's government blamed its own security services for failing to nip the 1963 Profumo scandal in the bud, according to secret documents released today under the 30-year rule.

The resignation in June 1963 of John Profumo, the War Minister, after he lied to the Commons about his affair with Christine Keeler, rocked Macmillan's administration. Her connection with Yevgeny Ivanov, a Soviet naval attaché, via Dr Stephen Ward, the society osteopath and self-styled spy, was said to be a serious threat to national security.

All but a few of the classified files on the affair become public today, revealing Macmillan's dawning realisation



John and Valerie Profumo after their wedding in 1954

that his intelligence officers had failed him again. Relations between MI5 and Downing Street were poor after several security breaches but Macmillan was at first confident that his staff had handled Profumo's link with Ward competently. In a confidential letter on May 30 to Harold Wilson, Leader of the Opposition, he wrote: "I am sure in my own mind that the security aspect of the Ward case has been fully and efficiently watched".

Ten days later, however, Macmillan's private secretary, Tim Bligh, warned him that the way in which MI5 had dealt with Ward "needs further probing . . . It is rather disturbing that the security authorities knew in June 1961 that Stephen Ward was suspected of being involved in the 'call girl racket' ". Lord Dilhorne, the Lord Chancellor, was instructed to make discreet enquiries.

His report, delivered to the Cabinet on June 14, three months before publication of Lord Denning's official enquiry, found that the security services had been guilty of an "error of judgment" in handling the crisis.

His most telling criticism was that MI5 had failed to react to Miss Keeler's statement to police that Ward had asked her to obtain nuclear secrets from Profumo.

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Lockerbie orphan dies on holiday

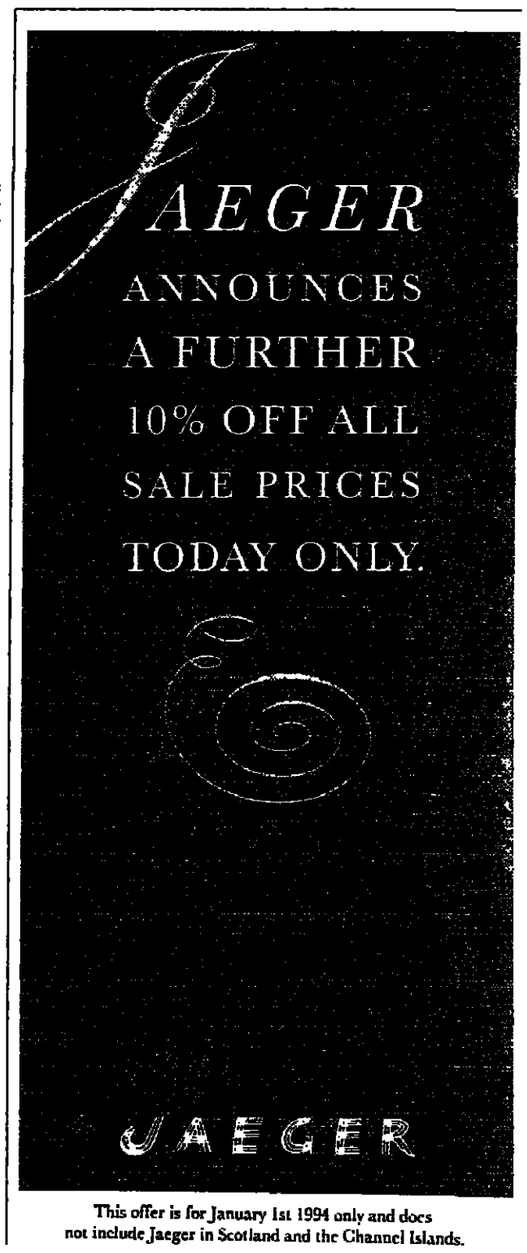
By John Vincent

A MAN who lost his parents and ten-year-old sister in the Lockerbie air disaster five years ago has died in Thailand. David Flannigan, 23, choked to death in a beach resort hotel at Pattaya.

Mr Flannigan adopted a flamboyant lifestyle after receiving £1 million in compensation for the loss of his family, spending much of the money on failed businesses, holidays, alcohol and drugs.

A spokesman for the Lockerbie Support Group said last night: "Sadly it is by no means unique. There have been a number of stress-related deaths since 1988."

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Columnist who cried 'vote Tory' savages Government

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

PAUL Johnson, the columnist who begged the country to vote Conservative at the last election, yesterday launched a scathing attack on the Prime Minister and accused his "treacherous" Government of systematic and deliberate deception.

While John Major has called for pessimists to be put in their box, Mr Johnson has written his own missive in *The Spectator* that goes far beyond mere pessimism.

Calling Mr Major's Government "the most disruptive of my lifetime", Mr Johnson said it was "born in treachery, surviving by subterfuge, double-dealing and fraud, Janus-faced and brazen, slippery and underhand, a dismaying blend of incompetence and low cunning, doomed to end in shame and recrimination".

His vitriolic abuse ended in a new year's curse: "I wish it the worst possible ill-fortune in 1994 and trust that come the summer, we shall have seen the back of it."

In an article far more biting than John Smith's criticism of the Conservatives in his new year message, Mr Johnson ridiculed the Prime Minister's belief that Britain was on the road to more jobs and prosperity.

He said Mr Major stood for no principle, belief or ideal and that the transport minister Steven Norris — "a former used-car salesman, discovered juggling with the affections of no less than five mistresses" — was the archetypical member of the Major Government.

There are only three gentlemen in the Cabinet, according to Mr Johnson. Most politicians, he said, are seen by the country as "shifty cynics, steeped in mendacity, their fingers itching towards the till".

He also accused the Prime Minister of "telling whoppers" over negotiations with the IRA. "Throughout the 19th and for most of the 20th century, the reputation of British statesmen for veracity was their greatest strength," he said.

Mr Johnson, a prolific writer, was editor of *The New Statesman* and a well-known left-wing commentator. After a change of heart in the mid-seventies he became a zealous right-wing polemicist. His adoration of Baroness Thatcher was unmatched.

A Downing Street spokesman said there would be no response to Mr Johnson's message. One loyal backbench Tory said: "They didn't have to lie in the last century because they weren't constantly being bombarded with questions. No one would have dared to ask Disraeli whether he was having an affair.

"Paul Johnson is the epitome of the class-ridden society the Prime Minister wants to get rid of. He is rooted in a former age while this Government is doing a very, very good job in this age."

Major rounds on pessimists and hails low income tax

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Prime Minister turned on Britain's pessimists last night and called for renewed confidence in a new year message that virtually ruled out rises in income tax.

John Major forecast a year of strengthening recovery and steady growth in jobs as the main parties made taxation the battleground for a period that will be dominated by the mid-term test of the elections to the European parliament.

John Smith, the Labour Leader, used his new year message to deliver a warning that 95 per cent of households would be worse off in 1994 because of higher taxes.

Paddy Ashdown repeated his pledge that the Liberal Democrats would put an extra 1p on income tax to pay for improvements in education.

After his most difficult year as party leader, Mr Major appeared to accept that by increasing taxes in the past two Budgets the Goverment had handed its opponents a damaging weapon. In a letter to constituency chairmen, Mr Major, while defending his efforts to balance the books, emphasised the Government's record on income tax, and went further than before in discounting future rises.

"Although we have had to raise revenue we have not put up income tax rates. Conservatives believe it is better to leave people with as much as possible of what they earn so that they — and not the State — can choose how to spend it."

In a modification of previous claims that the Tories are the party of "low taxation", Mr Major said: "The Conservative party remains the party of the lowest possible tax, the party of low income tax and the only party whose instinct is to cut tax and leave money with individuals and families and not take it for the State."

Mr Major said Britain was leading Europe out of recession and must build on the advantages that gave. It was "time to put the pessimists in their box", he said.

He added: "After a difficult period for many people, we now have a tremendous opportunity before us. We are seeing stronger-than-expected growth combined with lower-than-expected inflation."

He repeated the Government's determination to take tough measures against crime and return to traditional teaching methods. Children had to learn at school the basic skills they would need in later life. They also had "to learn self-respect, respect for others and respect for authority".

It was up to Sinn Fein to respond to the Anglo-Irish peace initiative, he said. "There is no excuse for them not to choose the path to democracy."

In 1993, Mr Smith said: "The weakness of the economy and the damaging effect of short-sighted and irresponsible government policies brought hardship and distress to millions of families.

"Sadly, people are going to face higher taxes and bills in 1994 ... As many as 95 per cent of households will be worse off next year because of higher taxes." He said cutting people's spending power would "weaken recovery and undermine confidence at an extremely critical time. But while taking more from people in taxes, the Government is wasting taxpayers' money on unnecessary reforms in our public services."

In his message, Mr Ashdown said he hoped it would be recognised that "Britain's most valuable renewable resource is its people, and that well-resourced, high-quality education and training for all is the key if we are to meet the challenges that face us."





Peter Brinsdon, left, is the director of Bourn Hall, the fertility clinic near Cambridge that is at the centre of the dispute over a black woman who wants to be implanted with an egg from a white donor. The clinic, right, was opened in 1980 in a Jacobean country house which dates from 1602 and is set in 22 acres. Its facilities, including an operating theatre and a laboratory, were greatly enlarged in 1986, but the clinic retains the air of an English country house. More than 15,000 couples have come up the long drive to Bourn Hall for fertility treatment since the clinic was opened by Patrick Steptoe and Professor Robert Edwards. A single course of treatment costs between £2,500 and £3,000 and the various courses have produced about 3,000 babies. It was the first and best known of 62 similar clinics throughout Britain now inspected annually and regulated by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) set up by Parliament in 1991.

How medicine conquers infertility

As controversy grows over infertility treatment, **Nick Nuttall** *looks at the rules that face those desperate for a child*

Who is eligible for infertility treatment?

Couples who, after about a year of trying to have a baby naturally, are referred by their doctor for tests.

About one in ten couples has difficulty conceiving a child.

What happens?

The tests assess if the woman is ovulating normally and if her fallopian tubes, the channels down which an egg passes to the womb, are damaged by infection.

The man's sperm will often be assessed to see if he is producing enough. Other tests will see if the mucus of the women's womb may be rejecting the sperm.

At this stage surgery may be carried out to unblock the tubes, or hormones given to assist ovulation, to improve the chances of a natural conception.

What if surgery or drugs cannot help?

The couple may seek help from one of more than 60 private clinics specialising in the infertility treatment called in-vitro fertilisation. Again, drugs are given to boost the level of ovulation and these eggs are collected.

The father's sperm is collected and used to fertilise eggs outside the women's body to create a so-called test-tube baby. The fertilised egg is then inserted into the women's womb to develop naturally.

What if that fails?

More than 20 clinics in the United Kingdom, about eight of which are National Health Service centres, specialise in egg donation. The egg, which must be donated voluntarily to the clinic, is then fertilised by the father's sperm and put into the infertile woman's womb.

Where do these eggs come from?

It is illegal in Britain to trade in human eggs and sperm, so the donation is voluntary. Often donors are women who already have families and are planning to be sterilised but they can also be friends and relations.

Eggs are harder to find than sperm. Sperm can be frozen for future use but eggs cannot.

Records of the donor's height, weight, eye colour, skin type, race and social details are held by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, which licenses the clinics and advises the Government on ethical issues.

Can a couple choose a donor who is a Nobel prize-winner or pick the sex of their child?

Under recent guidance from the authority it is illegal to pick the sex of a child.

Couples cannot specify the IQ of the donor but clinics ensure that donated eggs are from people with average or above-average intelligence.

How successful is infertility treatment?

The latest figures show that about 13,000 infertility treatments are carried out in the United Kingdom every year.

The success rate is around 14 per cent. The success rate for egg donation, which accounted for approximately 300 of the treatments, is slightly higher.

How much do the treatments cost privately?

About £2,500 for either routine infertility treatment or egg donation.

How old can a woman be before she is considered ineligible for treatment?

There is no law covering this aspect, but most clinics will not consider anyone for egg donation who is not menstruating or who is over 42 years old. The oldest woman to undergo such treatment in Britain is thought to be 46.

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Bishop accuses critics of misplaced faith

The Bishop of Durham, who has recently cast doubt on Virgin Birth, the Resurrection, Hell and the Nativity, last night attacked his critics for their "misplaced faith". The Right Reverend David Jenkins used his final new year broadcast before retirement to round on the many traditional Christians who have condemned his pronouncements.

Among his recent critics is the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, who this Christmas rebuked the Bishop for declaring that the Three Wise Men and the Star of Bethlehem were myths. Dr Jenkins was in unrepentant mood in *The New Year Meditation* on BBC Radio 4, which ended as Big Ben's chimes heralded 1994 at midnight. He renewed his attacks on his critics, who come from the traditional wings of the Church of England and the Conservative Party. He said they were "would-be believers who are putting misplaced faith in particular interpretations of central beliefs". He chose the actor and homosexual rights campaigner Michael Cashman to read his chosen passages.

Sophie's choice of '93

Sophie and Alexander were the most popular first names of babies listed in the births columns of *The Times* this year. The results were compiled from 2,029 girls and 2,247 boys. After Alexander came Thomas, with James third. The fourth most popular boy's name was William, followed by Charles, George, Henry, Edward, Oliver and Nicholas. Sophie topped the list for girls' names for the second year running, closely followed by Olivia. Third choice for girls was Emily, followed by Alice, Charlotte, Eleanor, Lucy, Emma, Elizabeth, Georgina and Harriet.

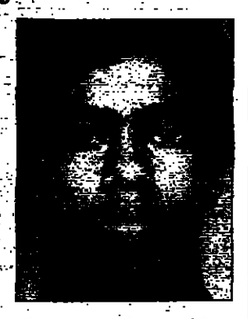
Man beaten to death

A man was beaten to death as he scattered his father's ashes in the front garden of his home in Nechells, Birmingham. Tom Spence, 47, was killed with a pick axe handle on Thursday. Pat Cornell, his fiancée, threw a garden tool at the attacker but he continued to hit Mr Spence. West Midlands police said yesterday that they wanted to trace Lambert Small, a neighbour. Det Chief Insp Ollie Duggan said: "We have strong indications that he may be mentally unstable. We will deal with him sympathetically, and afford him any medical attention he may need."

Deception charges

Two brothers charged in connection with the murder of two Department of Transport inspectors are facing new charges. Thomas and Walter Bourke, of Bramhall, Stockport, were charged with conspiring with three other men to obtain £15,000 by deception from Margaret Coates. They are also accused of a blackmail offence in February.

Race attack youth on TV



Quaddus Ali, a 17-year-old Asian who was left in a coma by white youths who attacked him in east London in September, appeared on Carlton Television's *London Tonight* yesterday. Mr Ali, left, can speak only a few words and will need several months of speech therapy and pysiotherapy. After the attack, which provoked rioting, a man aged 21 was charged with attempted murder.

Independent board split

The directors of Newspaper Publishing, owner of *The Independent* and the *Independent on Sunday*, are split over the best way of raising fresh capital. Staff were told in a letter last night that Andreas Whittam Smith, editor of *The Independent*, had won support from half of the board for a plan in which a minority stake would go to another British newspaper group. The letter, from Ian Hay Davison, the chairman, is the first admission of a rift and follows calls from journalists for greater openness about negotiations on their future. Possible partners include *The Daily Telegraph*, Mirror Group Newspapers and United Newspapers.

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request of the mother hours after the births, refused a request by *The Sun, News of the World* and *Today* newspapers to lift the injunction. He said: "There is no public interest, merely curiosity in seeking to be able to name the parents of the children and every reason to fear that if the injunction is lifted the children's welfare will be detrimentally affected."

In the Bourn Hall case, Dr Brinsden said that if the couple's chief concern had been skin colour they would have been rejected. "We have had that already with a Pakistani couple who wanted a blond-haired, blue-eyed egg donor."

In the Italian case, where the father was of "white European" origin, the ovum is believed to have been purchased in America. In Britain, trading in human sperm and ova is illegal under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act and so they are donated to banks voluntarily.

Churches and doctors' organisations have raised fears that couples may demand "designer babies" whose genetic backgrounds are picked to fit misplaced racial or intellectual aspirations.

Dame Jill Knight, the chairwoman of the Conservative backbench health committee, said that choosing the ethnic identity of children was both horrible and unacceptable: "This is plain and unvarnished genetic engineering."

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Four killed in South African bar attack

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Association, callers claiming to represent the Azanian People's Liberation Army (APLA), the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress, and the Azanian National Liberation Army of the Black Consciousness Movement both claimed responsibility.

The PAC, which agreed at the beginning of December to a moratorium on armed struggle with the South African government and has said it will contest the election, said it regretted the attack. The caller was not known to the organisation, it said, and added that APLA's targets were police and defence force members. APLA has previously claimed responsibility for attacks on civilians.

At least five gunmen, armed with R4 semi-automatic rifles, the South African army's standard issue, attacked the Heidelberg bar about ten minutes before midnight, shortly before closing time. It was packed with about 60 people.

Before they sprayed it with bullets, the attackers fired a rifle grenade with nails taped to it into the bar but it failed to detonate. Had it gone off, police said, the toll of dead and injured would have been far higher.

President de Klerk described the attack as barbaric and said it was clearly an attempt to prevent the establishment of truly representative government. The African National Congress called it "naked terrorism", but added that similar attacks in townships when the victims were black were "virtually dismissed as routine".

Saving lives with salt and sugar

THIS YEAR, Save the Children is seeking to reduce the number of young lives lost from preventable diseases.

Over 13,000 children die from diarrhoea every day, many in developing countries.

Yet according to Nicholas Hinton, the charity's Director General, many of these lives could be saved for as little as 10 pence, the cost of a sachet of Oral Rehydration Salts.

The salts, a simple mixture of sodium and sugar, prevent children from dehydrating, the most common cause of death from acute diarrhoea. Over the past few years, the effectiveness of these salts has been proven as they have helped to save thousands of lives.

Hinton continues, "The sachets cost as little as 10 pence and are simple to use which makes them easy to include in our health programmes."

Save the Children's appeal aims to raise funds to buy more Oral Rehydration Salts and other vital healthcare resources and send them to children most in need.

Hinton adds, "Just £10 can help save the lives of 100 children. What better gift could you give a child than the gift of life?"



A simple solution can save thousands of young lives each year. Photo by MIKE WELLS

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'Black sheep' took to drink and drugs when air disaster killed his family

Lockerbie orphan found dead after blowing £1m payout

By Tony Dawe

A YOUNG man orphaned by the Lockerbie disaster has died in a beach hotel in Thailand after spending much of his £1 million compensation on drink, drugs and failed businesses.

David Flannigan, 23, choked to death. He had never recovered from the shock of the Pan Am crash which killed his parents and young sister five days before a planned family reunion.

His death has left his brother Steven as the only member of the family still alive. Ten minutes before a fuel tank from the exploding jet crashed on the family home, Steven had wheeled a bicycle belonging to his sister Joanne, 10, to a neighbour's house to borrow tools to repair it.

Steven, now 19, was the first to be told of his brother's death and contacted the Foreign Office for help. He was making arrangements yesterday for the body to be flown to Britain.

An inquest will be held but is expected to be a formality. The Foreign Office said that there appeared to be no mysterious circumstances. Mr Flannigan had vomited during the night and choked to death. He was found by a friend on holiday with him in the beach resort of Pattaya.

His undignified death brought to an end an unhappy life. He had left the family home at 17 after a series of arguments with his father Tom and settled in Blackpool, where he worked as a paint sprayer.

He missed his parents, as well as his brother and sister, and arranged a reconciliation for Boxing Day 1988. Five days before it could take place, Pan Am flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie and crashed on to the town. Joanne's body was recovered from the pit where the house had once stood. His parents were never found.

True to his "black sheep" image, Mr Flannigan hired a car without permission to drive home and attended his sister's funeral with his brother. He said at the time: "What makes it all the worse is that I was so looking forward to getting back together with mum and dad. I had been away for a few years because we didn't get on but recently we had been getting closer.

"I used to write to them and phone occasionally. A few months ago, I decided this was the Christmas we would all be as one big family."

Mr Flannigan returned to Blackpool and started drinking heavily. He adopted an increasingly flamboyant lifestyle after receiving £1 million from Pan Am in 1990. The sum was part of a £12 million settlement with relatives of the 13 people killed on the ground. His younger brother received £2.1 million.

He put some of the money into businesses, pubs and nightclubs in Blackpool but spent much of it on drink. He took holidays abroad and bought his own house and cars. In March 1991, he was fined £50 after causing a disturbance outside a chip shop following a drinking session in which he was said to have downed 15 rums.

A close friend said last night: "The psychological consequences and scars were always going to be with him. It overshadowed him for five years. He would hit highs and lows and, when he was down, he called his money cursed and said it wasn't doing him any good."

PETER LOMAS



David Flannigan: undignified death in Thai beach hotel ended an unhappy life

Suburban houses attacked in ram raids

By John Vincent

TEENAGE ram-raiders are attacking private homes in a frightening new twist to the latest crime craze.

Yesterday, after at least a dozen robberies in north Bristol alone, police said there was "little that householders could do" to protect themselves against the menace.

One victim was asleep in bed when a car smashed in his front door. The looters also strike in daylight, choosing surburban homes while the occupants are at work.

Prime targets are houses with short driveways so the ramraiders can quickly drive to safety. Packs of three or four youths smash a corner of the boot into the front door before rushing in to take valuables such as electrical equipment.

Christopher Wise, an engineer, of Stoke Gifford, Bristol, was out shopping with his family when his home was raided. Thieves stole a television and stereo worth more than £1,000 and caused £300 damage to the front door.

Mr Wise, 42, said yesterday: "We came back to find the door hanging off its hinges. Nobody saw a thing. They just raced in and raced off."

In Gloucester, a group of thieves called "The Sixty-Second Gang" have carried out a spate of raids by kicking down front doors and snatching electrical gear before speeding away in stolen cars.

Motorist bitten by robber with HIV

By A Staff Reporter

A MOTORIST who was bitten on the hand when he tackled an armed robber at a garage has learnt that the man is HIV positive.

Ken Spinks, 51, has been given medical tests to determine whether he has the virus, but he must wait three months for the results. It is rare, however, for HIV to be transmitted by saliva.

Mr Spinks, a builder from Great Dunmow, Essex, confronted the gunman as he was holding up Gables service station in the town on Tuesday. The man, who had an imitation revolver, bit him during the struggle but Mr Spinks managed to hold him down until police arrived.

Three other garages in the area had been robbed on the same day.

The suspect, who police believe might have Aids, is being held at a secure psychiatric hospital after voluntarily being committed under the Mental Health Act. The Crown Prosecution Service has yet to decide whether he is mentally fit enough to be charged.

Mr Spink's wife Josephine said last night: "It was a shock when the police told us that the raider was HIV positive. It is worrying but there is nothing we can do until we get the results of the tests.

"Ken had to go to hospital because it was deep bite. You could see the teeth marks quite clearly and his skin was so torn they couldn't put any stitches in.

"We knew several days later that the chap was HIV positive but the police also told us there was little chance of Ken being infected. The virus is not easily passed on by saliva. The only problem is if the man himself was bleeding and Ken came into contact with his blood.

"I told Ken I wished he had just turned and walked away, or even held the door open for the raider. But that's not the sort of man he is — he couldn't just stand by and watch someone being robbed."

A member of the garage's staff praised Mr Spinks for his bravery. "It's terrible what happened to him but we are all praying that he won't get Aids."

Backlash feared after IRA killing

By Nicholas Watt
Ireland Correspondent

SECURITY sources in Northern Ireland said yesterday they feared that Loyalist paramilitaries would resume their attacks on Roman Catholics following the IRA's murder of a soldier on Thursday.

The soldier killed by an IRA sniper in Armagh was named yesterday as Daniel Blinco, 22, from Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire. He was a private in the Grenadier Guards.

Guardsman Blinco joined the army three years ago, passed out as the fittest recruit of his intake, and was described by his local recruiting office in Derby, where he helped out, as a model guardsman. In 1992 he was posted to the Queen's Company.

His grandfather, Reg Blinco, said yesterday that the peace talks had raised the family's hopes of safety for the troops. He spoke of the worry that every parent felt when a son was posted to Northern Ireland, adding: "I did hope the peace initiative could mean no more soldiers would be placed in that danger."

The outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters, who have not launched any sectarian attacks since December 13, are understood to have taken the IRA sniper attack in Crossmaglen, south Armagh, as a rejection of the Anglo-Irish declaration. The UFF and the Ulster Volunteer Force, who committed more murders last year than republican paramilitaries, had in effect called off their operations to consider last month's Anglo-Irish declaration. But sources now believe that the UFF may return to the sort of random sectarian attacks which terrorised Roman Catholics in Ulster in the autumn.



Blinco: described as a model guardsman

Yesterday an incendiary device, believed to have been planted by the IRA, was found in a shop in the centre of Belfast.

The province's political leaders expressed hope in their new year messages. Jim Molyneaux, the leader of the Ulster Unionists, said he would take the lead in "increasing the tempo" in inter-party talks.

Cabbies see red over yellow taxis

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

TAXI drivers in Aberdeen are going red in the face over plans to make them drive pink and yellow cabs after the city council voted unanimously to make all Aberdeen taxis a uniform colour.

The council favours New-York-style yellow taxis for the city's 800 cabs, most of which are saloon cars. There are tentative plans to paint women-only taxis pink. The idea behind the livery is to make cabs more recognisable and improve safety as it would be more difficult to mistake a private car for a taxi.

Allan McLean, convener of the council's licensing committee, said yesterday that eight taxi drivers applying for a licence on February 18 will be told that before the licence is granted they will have to paint their cars yellow and fit a swivel front passenger seat for disabled customers.

"The decision to have a livery for taxis was taken some time ago but last week the committee looked at designs submitted by our publicity department. We chose the yellow with a white half door and the word taxi painted on it, on the grounds that the police said yellow cars were most noticeable," Mr McLean said.

The idea of pink women-only taxis was Mr McLean's. "We are looking at ways of making women's travel safer and pink taxis would be even more noticeable than yellow." The plan is still being discussed by the council but it has the approval of many women in Aberdeen. Barbara Kay, assistant warden at the city's YWCA, said: "I think it is a good idea and will make women feel safer. Our girls, especially the ones from overseas, would find it helpful."

The city's cab drivers say the respray would cost between £1,000 and £2,000, and £600 to fit the swivel seat. Jim Webster said the idea was ludicrous. "We have some of the highest overheads of any taxi drivers in Britain and to force us to have yellow cabs would be absurd. We could not cope with the extra burden".

Drivers are also protesting that the second-hand value of yellow taxis would be greatly reduced and that it would make them a target for car-radio thieves. The Aberdeen Taxi Agency said pink taxis in particular would not last long. "It would be vandalised by any kid that saw them."

Mr McLean, who disputes the drivers' figures for the cost of introducing the livery, says it is in the drivers' best interest because it will stop unlicensed drivers picking up fares.

A meeting to explain the new proposals to the cabbies will be held on February 15. "We are not consulting them, we are telling them," Mr McLean said.

Father loses home-alone case

By Dominic Kennedy

A MAN whose children were found at home alone on Christmas Eve lost a court attempt in Leeds yesterday to win back custody.

Instead, the four-year-old girl and her brothers, aged five and one, will stay with foster parents.

The children were discovered by carol singers in a ground-floor maisonette with only a tin of beans and sausage. There were 11 minutes left on the electricity meter. They were put under a week-long place-of-safety order, which expired yesterday.

The father, 27, will be allowed supervised access twice a week. He gave evidence to the three-hour sitting, which also heard from social workers and West Yorkshire police. He has been charged with wilful neglect and will appear before magistrates in Leeds on January 27.

The mother was traced to Bridlington, Humberside, but refused to talk to social services and did not attend the hearing.

Michael Simmons, chairman of the city's social services, said the children had a "magical" Christmas. "They were part of a larger family and had many presents and all the trimmings." He welcomed the court's decision. "I think this was in the best interests of the children. They will stay with foster parents until January 28.

"It's a continuing period of uncertainty but it means a rush decision has been avoided and we can explore what is best in the long term."

Another scandal over abandoned children emerged yesterday, when five left alone for Christmas in Scunthorpe, Humberside, reported their parents to police. The parents were questioned after agreeing to let the children be taken into voluntary care.

The honour is all Tony's

By Tim Jones
Transport Correspondent

TONY Severine, the man who has emerged to epitomise John Major's first "classless" honours system was, as usual, immaculate and diplomatic yesterday as he greeted passengers on his No 12 Routemaster bus.

The Camberwell conductor, who has worked on London buses for 23 years, said that he was "delighted and overawed" to be made an MBE after letters of praise from customers. They all commented on his cheerfulness, courtesy and helpfulness and said that he was a prime candidate for demonstrating that not only Whitehall mandarins should gain recognition for a job well done.

His pride in being made an MBE for "outstanding service to the travelling public" was shared yesterday by the passengers along his route from Dulwich to Shepherd's Bush Green, through Westminster, Oxford Circus and Marble Arch.

Leonard Hall, 75, who regularly uses the route with his wife Lilian, said: "We are always pleased to see him because we know he treats us properly. I think his award is marvellous and well deserved."

Yvonne Saphir, another regular passenger, said: "It's always a pleasure to see him on the run. He always asks how I am and tries to help whenever he can."



Tony Severine MBE, on the No 12 from Dulwich

Mr Severine, 44, who was born in Dominica, said he hoped that his honour would help to consolidate race relations in Britain. "I am a working man who does his best. All my passengers are important to me."

He said that after receiving the insignia from the Queen he would probably wear it for a week in thanks to the passengers who nominated him. He did not know whether his salary of £130 a week would enable him to hire top hat and tails for the ceremony.

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The perils of 1994

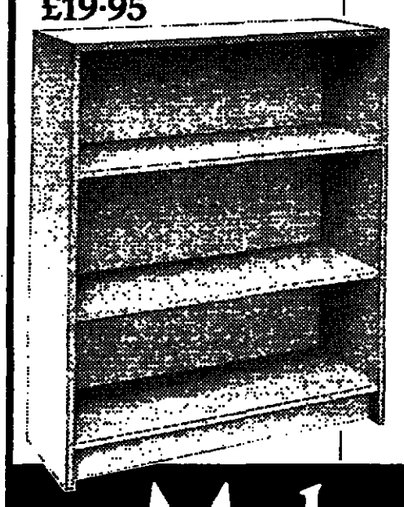
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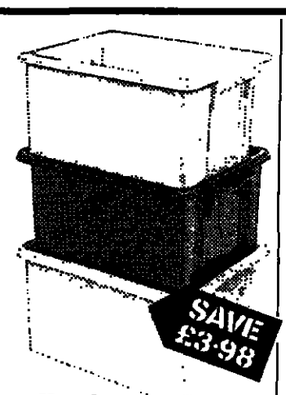


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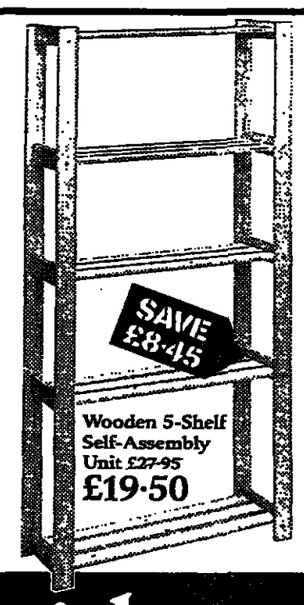
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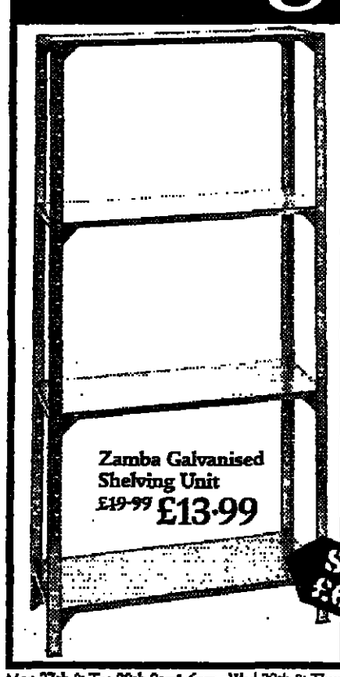


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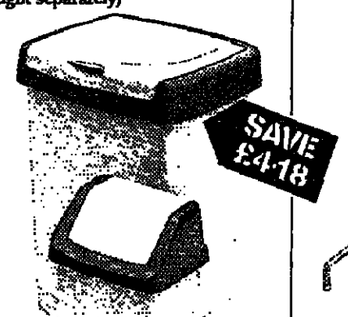
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Cabinet feared trial of Stephen Ward would uncover establishment figures involved in affair

Profumo: a sex scandal that terrified the Tories

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA

HAROLD Macmillan's Cabinet secretly feared that Stephen Ward, the doctor at the centre of the Profumo scandal, would exploit the publicity surrounding his trial to name other establishment figures involved in sexual scandal, according to classified files released today.

Senior ministers voiced alarm on June 12, 1963, at the cabinet meeting to discuss the forthcoming Commons debate on Profumo's resignation, that Ward "in his capacity as both an osteopath and a portrait painter had been familiar with many individuals prominent in public life, including several Members of Parliament".

There was a risk that he might use his trial for alleged crimes under the Sexual Offences Act of 1956 "to involve some of these persons in the scandal which had now developed".

The prospect of such tantalising disclosures would have thrilled the public, which queued to buy Lord Denning's official report on the affair in September and relished its louche subtitles such as "The Man in the Mask" and "The Man without a Head". The embittered Ward was certainly capable of adding to the salacious gossip involving the political elite that was circulating in Fleet Street and clubland. In a confidential letter sent to Macmillan on June 10, a retired Grenadier Guard familiar with the bohemian social set that used to gather at Lord Astor's home at Cliveden warned the prime minister to take the threat seriously.

"I do believe that [Ward] has used these girls to tempt important people into doing things that could later be used against them," he wrote, "and I do believe that this has been done on a considerable scale, for a definite purpose." In the event, nervous ministers and MPs were spared further anxiety by Ward's suicide in August that year.

The newly released files betray the panic that gripped the Macmillan administration during the scandal. On June 12, the Cabinet agonised over the vulnerability of the four ministers who had advised Profumo to deny the charges of sexual impropriety in the Commons on March 22.

Ian Macleod, Leader of the House, William Deedes, Minister without Portfolio, Martin Redmayne, the chief whip, and Sir John Hobson, the Attorney-General, had all known at the time that the War Minister had given a present to the model Christine Keeler and had twice been alone with her in Ward's flat. "It might well be asked why they had not insisted at the time on examining [the] possible implications more deeply," the Cabinet argued.

Though the four ministers were cleared by their colleagues, the manner in which the question was posed in Cabinet typifies the neuroses to which the Macmillan Government fell prey during its bleakest hour.



Anatomy of an affair: Harold Macmillan, left, the Prime Minister; John Profumo, at his wedding to Valerie Hobson; and Stephen Ward, right, who was "familiar" with prominent individuals

The Foreign Office files released today include reams of letters and communiqués from diplomats on the damage the scandal was judged to have caused to Britain's reputation overseas. A letter sent from Australia to the Commonwealth Relations Office on September 3, for example, described "glee at the British Government's apparent discomfiture ... if one throws enough mud some of it is bound to stick. In this case some mud has stuck, and it will be some time before it is sufficiently dried to be brushed off".

Other memoranda recorded hostile coverage in Italy, Germany, New Zealand and elsewhere. Numerous unsolicited letters were received, including one from a woman in Brooklyn claiming to know of an adulterous relationship involving a former Labour minister.

Ministers took a close interest in these files. A letter dated July 11 from the private office of Duncan Sandys, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, reported that "my Minister is very exercised" about the response to the scandal and set out plans for systematic briefing of overseas journalists to limit the damage. Telegrams sent from the Foreign Office after Lord Denning had completed his enquiry instructed diplomats "to emphasise the favourable points in the report".



Ivanov: attended party at Macleod's home



Keeler: alone with Profumo at Ward's flat

The Profumo affair forced ministers to account for their behaviour as never before. Sandys felt compelled to send Lord Denning a photograph to prove he was not the so-called "headless man" pictured with the Duchess of Argyll.

Macleod had to explain why Ward and his Soviet friend Captain Ivanov had been at a party held at his house in October 1962. The homes of senior politicians were besieged by the press.

At the centre of the furore, Macmillan stood paralysed by his own genteel inability to deal with sexual misconduct. He told the Cabinet that he thought the speculation "deplorable". In his memoirs he admitted he did not "remember ever having been under such a sense of personal strain".

The Prime Minister's personal bitterness at Profumo's treachery is suggested obliquely in the draft letter accepting the War Minister's resignation. Prepared by the chief whip, the draft begins, "Dear Profumo, Thank you for your letter"; but the words "Thank you" have been crossed out and replaced by the eloquently chilly phrase "I have received ..."

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Snubbed Heath mooted an EEC sans France

BY A STAFF REPORTER

BRITAIN considered setting up a European Community that excluded France after President de Gaulle vetoed Britain's first attempt to join the Common Market in January 1963.

The idea was never acted upon because it would have required the other EEC members to annul the Treaty of Rome, and create a new European organisation, government documents released today under the 30-year rule reveal.

De Gaulle's opposition, which almost led to a breakdown in relations between London and Paris, caught Macmillan's government off-guard and fanned British fears of a French bid to dominate Europe.

During a press conference in Paris on January 14, de Gaulle announced that Britain neither thought nor acted like a continental nation and was therefore not yet qualified for full membership of the European Economic Community. He then added insult to injury by offering some form of junior associate status instead.

Edward Heath, the Lord Privy Seal, had been conducting Britain's negotiations in Brussels and had been under the impression that the talks were making progress. Mr Heath told the Cabinet four days before de Gaulle's statement that "there had recently been a marked change in the atmosphere of the negotiations, and the member countries of the Community, with the exception of France, were earnestly seeking to reach a settlement on terms acceptable to the United Kingdom."

Mr Heath told the Cabinet that one of the main problems faced by Britain would be the harmonisation of UK farm price subsidies with the common agricultural policy. Britain wanted the increase in British prices to be brought in gradually.

Three days after de Gaulle's press conference, the Cabinet's optimism about the accession talks had turned to anger. Mr Heath told the Cabinet that Maurice Couve de Murville, the French foreign minister, had misled him about de Gaulle's attitude to Britain's EC membership.

He said M de Murville had accused Britain of having signed "secret agreements with the United States government, designed in effect to transform the European Community into an Anglo-Saxon free trade zone".

The other five members of the Community had been "seriously disturbed" by the "dictatorial attitude of de Gaulle", Mr Heath said. One solution would be to begin talks with the other Community members about setting up a new Common Market without France. "But their own interests would dissuade them from dissolving the Community and negotiating with ourselves," he added.

Mr Heath, who was furious over M de Murville's actions, accused the French president of "sabotage".

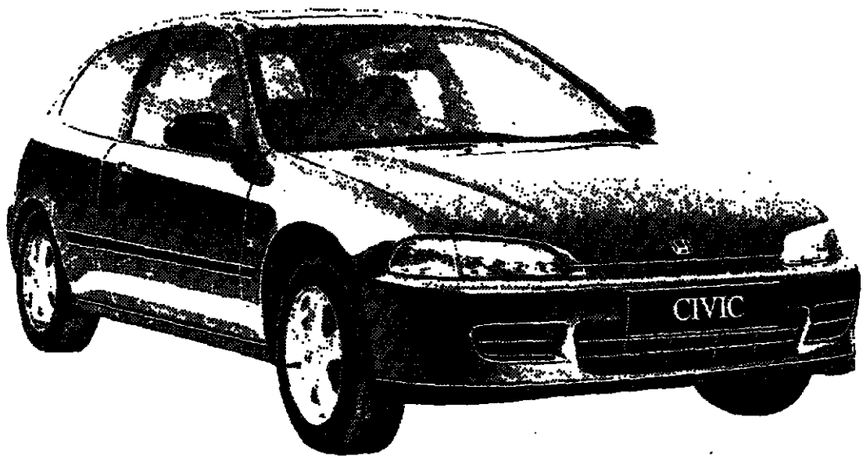
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De Gaulle: UK angered by his intervention in talks



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Cabinet saw Beeching axe as a price worth paying

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS were under no illusions about the ferocity of public reaction to the Beeching cuts which eventually lopped 6,500 miles off the national rail network. But cabinet papers released today show that Harold Macmillan's Government carefully prepared to defend the cuts as a price worth paying in the name of greater efficiency.

A cabinet meeting before the publication of Dr Richard Beeching's devastating report on March 27, 1963, was told that "the list of stations and lines to be closed would cause an outcry". But the personal inconvenience to millions of passengers "was the price for national efficiency".

The wholesale contraction of the rail network coincided with the start of the motorway building programme, which gave rise to allegations of a deliberate policy to run down the railways in favour of promoting private motoring — allegations that are still being made.

The Cabinet was told that Dr Beeching's report, *The Reshaping of British Railways*, "would involve drastic alterations in the existing system and a substantial curtailment of services, especially in the more remote parts of the country". Nonetheless, "in spite of the considerable objection which would be raised in the areas affected by the proposals ... the [British Railways] Board's approach should be accepted as being in accord with government policy".

Dr Beeching's rail rationalisation plan initially called for the closure of about 5,000 route miles and about 2,350 stations because they were "hopelessly uneconomic". Implementation of the so-called Beeching axe eventually cut route miles from 17,500 in 1963 to 11,000 in 1975 — a little more than half the 20,000-mile network at the height of the railways' success in 1914.

A cabinet minute recorded that the Beeching proposals "flow from the most massive compilation and systematic analysis of information about the railways ever attempted". They offered "a firm prospect of a modern railway system suited to the country's future needs". Moreover, the subsidy at the time of £150 million a year was "a measure of the railways' claim on economic resources which could be better used elsewhere".

The minute said: "The board's lucid analysis and bold proposals accord with the government's expectations. The aim, which is wholly consistent with the government's policy of growth, modernisation and redevelopment, is to produce an efficient modern railway system handling those traffics technically best suited to rail. The extensive reshaping of our railways is now essential."

The minute added: "The most controversial part of the plan is the withdrawal of many passenger services." Passengers would have to be told that "if better railway services are to be provided to meet the needs of the nation, such measures are necessary".

The Cabinet was anxious of the impact on industrial relations caused by Beeching's call for the loss of 70,000 jobs. This could be minimised by stressing that "most of this reduction would be effected by normal wastage and control of recruitment. Actual discharges are not expected to be more than a small proportion of the total staff reduction. Even so there will be problems for those displaced."

The Cabinet was also told of the elaborate plans for giving "confidential" briefings for national newspapers in an effort to portray the Beeching proposals in the best possible light. "Particular attention will be paid to the two London evening newspapers whose treatment of a report often sets a tone which the national dailies follow," it said.

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Dr Beeching about to board the Blue Belle in Sussex. His report eventually cut 6,000 miles from the network

Macmillan took key role in test ban treaty

BY A STAFF REPORTER

PRESIDENT Kennedy regarded Harold Macmillan as the real architect of the partial test ban treaty that banned nuclear weapons tests in the atmosphere, outer space, and under water.

Secret documents released today contain a letter from President Kennedy to the prime minister acknowledging the extent to which Macmillan's "steadfastness of commitment and determined perseverance made this treaty possible".

The partial test ban treaty was signed in Moscow by Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet leader, Dean Rusk, the US Secretary of State, and Lord Home, the Foreign Secretary, in August 1963. It was eventually signed by more than 90 other nations, although France and China refused to sign and continued to conduct nuclear tests in the atmosphere.

Macmillan played a key role in convincing Khrushchev that the initiative was a genuine attempt to decelerate the nuclear arms race. Macmillan was also instrumental in breaking the impasse between the Soviet Union and the United States over the number of on-site inspections required to make the treaty effective.

In March 1963, President Kennedy wrote to Macmillan of the need to adopt a "more constructive approach" to the negotiations, "which might open the path to something better for the world than merely building vast forces which if not used are wildly expensive, if used are wholly destructive to mankind, and which at best keep a kind of uneasy peace by a balance of terror".

Macmillan said: "I have a feeling that the test ban is the most important step we can take towards unravelling this frightful tangle of fear and suspicion in East-West relations."

He felt the treaty, and especially his role in encouraging the White House to make the commitment, was one of his greatest achievements.

Macmillan was under no illusions that the Russians might be tempted to cheat by conducting clandestine tests. But he was convinced that the risk of being found out would be a sufficient deterrent.

In the month before his assassination, President Kennedy wrote to Macmillan that "if humanity is to be spared further radioactive contamination of the atmosphere, if the nuclear arms race is to be slowed down ... it will be in no small measure due to your own deep concern and long labour".

Red threat raised hope of Vatican link

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA

HAROLD Macmillan, the Prime Minister in 1963, and Lord Home, his Foreign Secretary and successor, dreamt of forging an alliance between Britain and the Vatican to combat international Communism, according to the documents released today.

Lord Home argued in a Cabinet memorandum of February 22 that "the need to defend Western ideals against Communism in the emergent countries all over the world has become more pressing". Close links between Britain and the Vatican might also help to alleviate the suffering of Protestants in Spain "and other Catholic countries where they suffer disabilities".

In an earlier minute, Lord Home had argued that it was illogical that "at a time when the ideological struggle between East and West will continue at least for some considerable time to come, we should refuse to accept a diplomatic representative from one of the staunchest members of the anti-Communist side, while we welcome ambassadors and ministers from a whole series of countries in the Sino-Soviet bloc".

Recognised only as "apostolic delegate", the Vatican's representative in Britain was of comparatively low status with no direct access to the Foreign Office. Macmillan, who had been petitioned successfully by the Catholic Duke of Norfolk, proposed to accept a more senior representative who would be described as an "internuncio". In private, however, the Prime Minister was warned by officials that recognising the Papacy as a foreign power in this way was fraught with danger.

Dr Michael Ramsey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, effectively put a stop to the proposals by claiming that they would endanger ecumenism.

Kennedy's killing was Trotskyite plot, said Moscow

BY OUR WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE Russians claimed that the assassination of President Kennedy in November 1963 was part of a Trotskyite conspiracy, secret government documents released today disclose.

In what must be one of the most bizarre additions to the conspiracy theories surrounding Kennedy's death, Moscow claimed that the assassination was the work of supporters of Leon Trotsky, the Russian revolutionary murdered on the order of Joseph Stalin in 1940. The revelation was made in a letter on November 30, 1963, from the American State Department's Bureau of Public Affairs to the British Embassy in Washington. The Foreign Office had asked the embassy to help the BBC with guidance on who was responsible for the assassination.



Kennedy: "facts" put right by State Department

The embassy told the Foreign Office that the Bureau of Public Affairs said that "there seems to have been a recent shift in the line being taken by the Russians". Immediately after President Kennedy's death, "the Russians played up the assassination as the act of a right-wing and a racist group". Now, however, "they are attributing the act to a Trotskyite conspiracy".

The embassy told the Foreign Office that the Americans had decided to deny all such propositions in radio broadcasts to the Soviet Union. In rebutting this propaganda, they insisted that "the facts are" that the assassination was the work of a determined individual acting on his own and not at the prompting of any organised group, the embassy said. "We shall now probably never be able to verify" these facts, the embassy added.

The documents add little to existing knowledge about the President's assassination. A letter from the British consulate general in Texas to Sir David Ormsby Gore, the British Ambassador in Washington, however, shows that the President was expecting a hostile reception.

The letter said: "As Dallas has a reputation for chauvinism, and is the home of right-wing extremists, it was expected that the President would face opposition here and that he would publicly denounce the reactionaries. Indeed, Mr Adlai Stevenson is reported to have warned the President to avoid Dallas, saying that his recent manhandling there (he was spat upon) disclosed a deep and bitter resentment of the Administration and its policies and that security was poor."

The assassination of Kennedy and the subsequent killing of Lee Harvey Oswald shocked the world. But "while both crimes still seem inexplicable, the appalling inefficiency of the Dallas police at every stage is obvious", the letter said.

The letter added that lack of knowledge "immediately gave rise to rumours of every description and of the wildest kind. The John Birch Society, the Communists, the Protestants, and even the negroes were all blamed in the hunt for the President's murderer, and Dallas was on the verge of a city-wide witch hunt."

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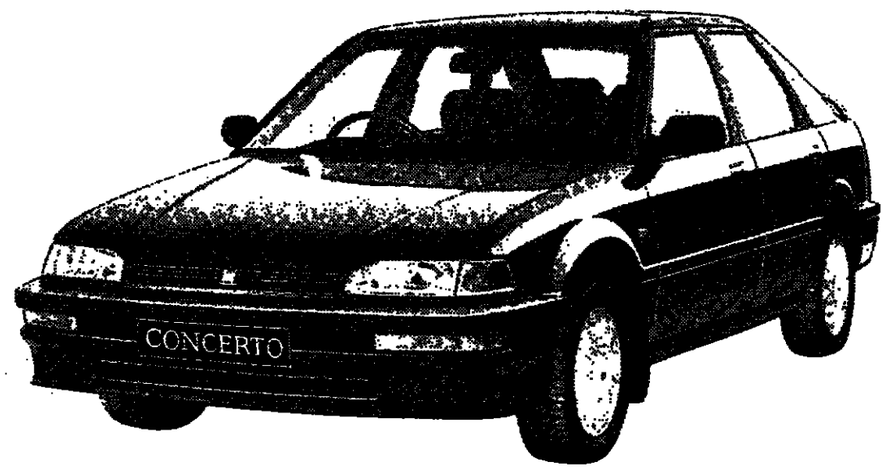
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The old year and the new

Future looks clearer for stargazers than Treasury economists

BY IAN MURRAY

THE year just past was marginally better for forecasters who use the stars and seaweed than those who use statistics to gaze into the future.

Among professional economists and the government, the most glaring misjudgment about 1993 was the fear that sterling's abrupt departure from the European exchange-rate mechanism would lead to a burst of higher inflation and the beginnings of a new, disastrous stop-go cycle. Private economists, including the "Seven Wise Men" appointed by the Treasury to serve on an independent forecasting panel, feared that inflation would rise to about 4 per cent as the effects of devaluation were felt in higher import prices. It just did not happen. Britain's core inflation rate had fallen to 2.5 per cent by November, the lowest level since 1967.

The economic pundits were confounded again in assessing the likely consequences of devaluation and controlling inflation. Consumers, still saddled with their debts accumulated in the 1980s, were expected to spend little, while manufacturers were supposed to be able to increase exports because the pound was low. Again, it did not happen that way. The one bright spot in the economic year was a steady rise in consumer spending; the biggest disappointment, a less-than-impressive performance by industry.

At *Old Moore's Almanac*, the team of six astrologers has already forgotten about 1993 and is preparing predictions for 1996. "Old Moore always works 26 months ahead of time," Barry Belasco, the managing editor, said. "After all, if it's going to happen, it's going to happen."

Even allowing for the careful vagueness of his vocabulary, Old Moore had some notable scoops during 1993. He correctly predicted that, in February, "Israel will be questioning its boundaries and contemplating a deal with Palestinians". He foresaw Russian troops on the streets "to protect civil order" but he thought that would happen two months earlier than it did. He said that the new US president's popularity "will evaporate early".

He also said that the Opposition would look stronger, that the depressed property market would flicker into life in December and that the economy would show an upturn in the second half of the year. He picked the winners of the 2,000 Guineas, the Oaks and the November Handicap.

He deliberately underplayed the difficulties within the royal family. Mr Belasco said: "We sell around 850,000 copies and most of our readers are pretty strong for the monarchy. We knew things were going seriously wrong, but we felt it was healthier for us not to clomp around."

For 1994, however, the royal family will be Old Moore's big story. "November 18 will be a watershed for them all. It impacts on Diana, the monarchy and the Tory Party and they will all have to pass through that before things start to get better."

When it comes to long-range weather forecasting, the professional meteorologists have given up. Only fools, they say, try to predict a year ahead.

Bill Foggit, the 80-year-old folk weatherman from North Yorkshire, goes on trying. His correct warning of a wet summer in 1993 so annoyed the public that he asked for police protection. This year he predicts a white Christmas throughout the country.

Bar review must 'think the unthinkable'

A think-tank is to look at the Bar's restrictive practices, writes

Frances Gibb

THE Bar is to consider scrapping its rule that obliges members of the public to go to a solicitor before they are able to seek advice from a barrister. If the rule is abolished, a person wanting counsel's advice on drafting a complex will or a knotty conveyance would no longer have to employ both a solicitor and barrister and pay two sets of legal fees.

Robert Seabrook QC, who takes over as chairman of the Bar today, has set up a think-tank that will review the profession's restrictive practices, and he wants it to "think the unthinkable".

In an interview with *The Times*, he said: "There is no question of permitting direct access for contentious work (litigation). We are a referral profession: it's what characterises our special strength and enables us to concentrate on advocacy."

But he added: "Whether the same rules should apply for non-contentious work, there might be a case for the Bar looking at whether it could restore direct access by the public."

Scrapping the ban could mean more work for the 7,700-strong Bar. At present, people mostly go to a solicitor for such advice but they might in some cases choose to go to a barrister.

Mr Seabrook said the rule went back only to 1955. In recent years, with the onslaught by the Government on the legal profession's monopolies, the ban has already been slightly relaxed to allow members of some professions, such as accountants, to brief counsel direct.

The review of the rule by the think-tank, under James Munby QC, is part of a wider scrutiny. Other restrictive practices to be reviewed are the ban on barristers setting up in partnership with one another; barristers' immunity from being sued for their fees; the ban on barristers talking to witnesses and the ban on barristers talking or writing about their own cases. The rules preventing barristers forming partnerships could fall foul of EC law and it may only be a matter of time before "we are going to have to ask whether we can justify such a rule with one criterion: is it in the public interest?"

At present, the rules are illogical and confusing: barristers can set up partnerships with foreign lawyers to do overseas work but not with UK lawyers. They can also deal direct with the public for overseas work.

About 18 months ago, a group of barristers established Stanbrook Chambers in London. The barristers operate both in partnership with each other and with foreign lawyers for overseas work. The move stretched to the limit existing restrictions on partnerships but did not breach any rules because they did not stipulate that such partnerships must be located abroad.

Mr Seabrook does not believe that many barristers, who are self-employed practitioners, would want to form partnerships; they would see such a move as "restricting our ability to obtain work".



Robert Seabrook QC, the new chairman of the Bar who takes office today

Wrong kind of leaf could weaken BR's resolution

BY ANDREW PIERCE

IT IS one of the great British traditions. Millions make them, millions break them. But today, after the party, and the hangover, the same people will try again to make a lasting new year's resolution.

British Rail's resolution, to run more trains on time, might prove the most daunting. A BR official said: "We will be turning over a new leaf." Once their staff have cleared the leaves off the line from last year, that is.

Sir Bernard Ingham, newspaper columnist and former press secretary to Margaret Thatcher, has made a firm resolution. "I intend to be more politically incorrect. I would like to sink the PC movement with a torpedo. But I will content myself with always identifying someone's sex and I will never, ever, refer to someone as a chair."

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare has been persuaded by his wife Mary to break a bad habit. "I always leave the light on when I leave a room," he says. "Mary is the chairman of the National Energy Foundation so I really have to set a good example. It's fuelish (sic) not to."

Andrew Davies, who adapted Michael Dobbs's *House of Cards* and *To Play the King* for television, and is working on a third series, has made the same pledge as last year, the year before and the year before ... "It is to drink less and and to reduce my waistline. But each year I succeed in the reverse. You should see me with my corsets off."

Lord St John of Fawsley, the president of the Royal Fine Art Commission, and veteran of the first Thatcher Cabinet, had no difficulty making up his mind. "My resolution is to make no more new year resolutions. In my experience, my resolutions have been impossible to keep."

Sir Stephen Spender, involved in an unprecedented High Court battle alleging "book rape" by an American author, has decided that 1994 is the year in which he will finally read Alexander Solzhenitsyn's *The Gulag Archipelago*. "It has been collecting dust on the bookshelf for years. I have vowed to read it from beginning to end. When I have finished it, I will start on Macaulay's *History of England*."

Jilly Cooper, having given up trying to write a book that would be hailed by the critics as a literary masterpiece, has toned down her ambitions. "My resolution is to talk less and write more."

Peter Sissons, ousted as the presenter of BBC1's *Question Time*, was making no resolutions about his career, but he was determined to shed his heavyweight image. "I need to lose weight. You may not be able to tell on the small screen, but I have got to lose a stone. At least."

Germaine Greer, the author and academic who has been linked with the masterships of Wadham College and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, did not hesitate. "I resolve never to speak to you again. Happy new year."

BA snubs long-haul smokers

Smokers travelling on British Airways to and from Australia and New Zealand will face up to 24 hours without a cigarette from today. The airline says the trial will be permanent if passengers are happy with it.

The airline's domestic UK flights and European flights of less than 90 minutes are already non-smoking.

Bomb charge

Darcey Gearoid McMenamin, 18, whose father Gerry McMenamin is a Sinn Fein member of Omagh District Council, and Dominic Pearse Darcy, 21, of Omagh, Co Tyrone, were remanded in custody charged with bombing the RUC station at Fintona, Co Tyrone, shortly after the end of the IRA's Christmas ceasefire.

Soldier in court

Pte Duncan McGeoch, of The King's Own Border Regiment, was remanded into military custody charged with the unlawful killing of Pte Matthew Adam Edwards, 20, from Weston-super-Mare, shot dead at an army base at Londonderry on Wednesday night.

Body in van

The body of William Wheal, 77, of Kingston upon Thames, lay undiscovered in the back of a van for almost three weeks after it was towed from a double line in north London. He died of natural causes. Police are investigating.

Love nest's end

Beach House, the cliff-top rendezvous at Felixstowe where Wallis Simpson waited six weeks for her divorce so she could marry King Edward VIII in 1936, is to be demolished and replaced with flats.

Bird hits riders

Dr Dorothy Firth, of Shaldon, Devon, was in a critical condition after being hit by a chicken that flew out of a hedge while she was riding with her husband David, also a doctor, on a tandem bicycle.

Cars written off

Two police cars were written off when they hit each other while following a stolen car in Moss Side, Manchester. Four officers had minor injuries.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Hastings

LEADERS after two rounds of the Hastings Premier tournament are John Nunn (England), Dibyendu Barua (India), Mikhail Krasenkov (Russia) and Michael Hennigan (England), all with 1½ points.

Results: Hebden 1, Sadler 0; Rogers 0, Hennigan 1; Gurevich 0, Barua 1; Krasenkov 1, Arakhamia 0; Sherbakov 0, Nunn 1. One of the most attractive finishes came from Mark Hebden's win against Matthew Sadler.

White: Mark Hebden
Black: Matthew Sadler
Hastings Premier, December 1993

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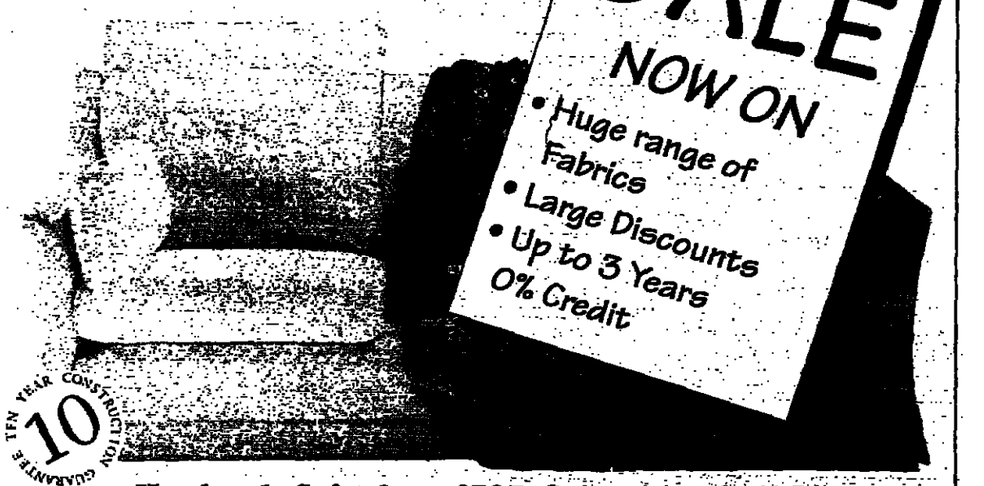
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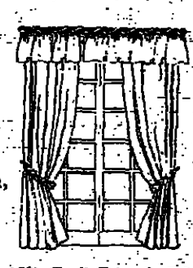
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Cash-starved police man thin blue line in clapped out cars

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

The Government says county councils must decide how they allocate funds for the stricken South Wales Constabulary

OFFICERS serving with the cash-starved South Wales Constabulary have to put up with petrol rationing, cars with up to 170,000 miles on the clock and a police station condemned on health and safety grounds.

The poor state of the biggest force in Wales was detailed yesterday as the Home Office renewed its offer of discussions on funding. Robert Lawrence, the Chief Constable, gave a warning on Thursday that between 30 and 40 stations may be closed because the budget set by the police authority will still leave the force with millions less than is needed to modernise.

South Wales has become the latest in a series of forces left with too little money to maintain manpower, vehicles and buildings after years of neglect or wrangling between central and local government. Derbyshire has twice been condemned in reports by an inspector of constabulary and other forces have instituted economies because of funding problems.

The Welsh force covers the three counties of Glamorgan, the cities of Cardiff and Swansea, extensive docks, the towns and villages of the South Wales valleys, two airports and the M4 corridor. The establishment, with 3,168 officers and a budget in the current financial year of £130 million, serves a population of 1.2 million.

A police spokeswoman said yesterday that the budget had to maintain the worst police vehicle fleet in the country. Nearly a third of the 606 vehicles have travelled 80,000 miles and one traffic car has reached 170,000 miles, although the recommended milage for such vehicles was 75,000 miles. Panda cars have travelled 120,000 miles and two motorcycles have covered more than 95,000 miles.

The force has a number of cars waiting for funds for repairs, including five damaged by vandals and a ramming two weeks ago. A motorway patrol car is awaiting repairs costing £5,000. There are also a number of cars off the road because of restrictions on the fuel budget.

The 14 divisions in the force have each been allocated tight budgets for petrol consumption. Patrol cars have a limit for each shift, which means officers may have to do more work on foot and exceed the limit only in emergencies.

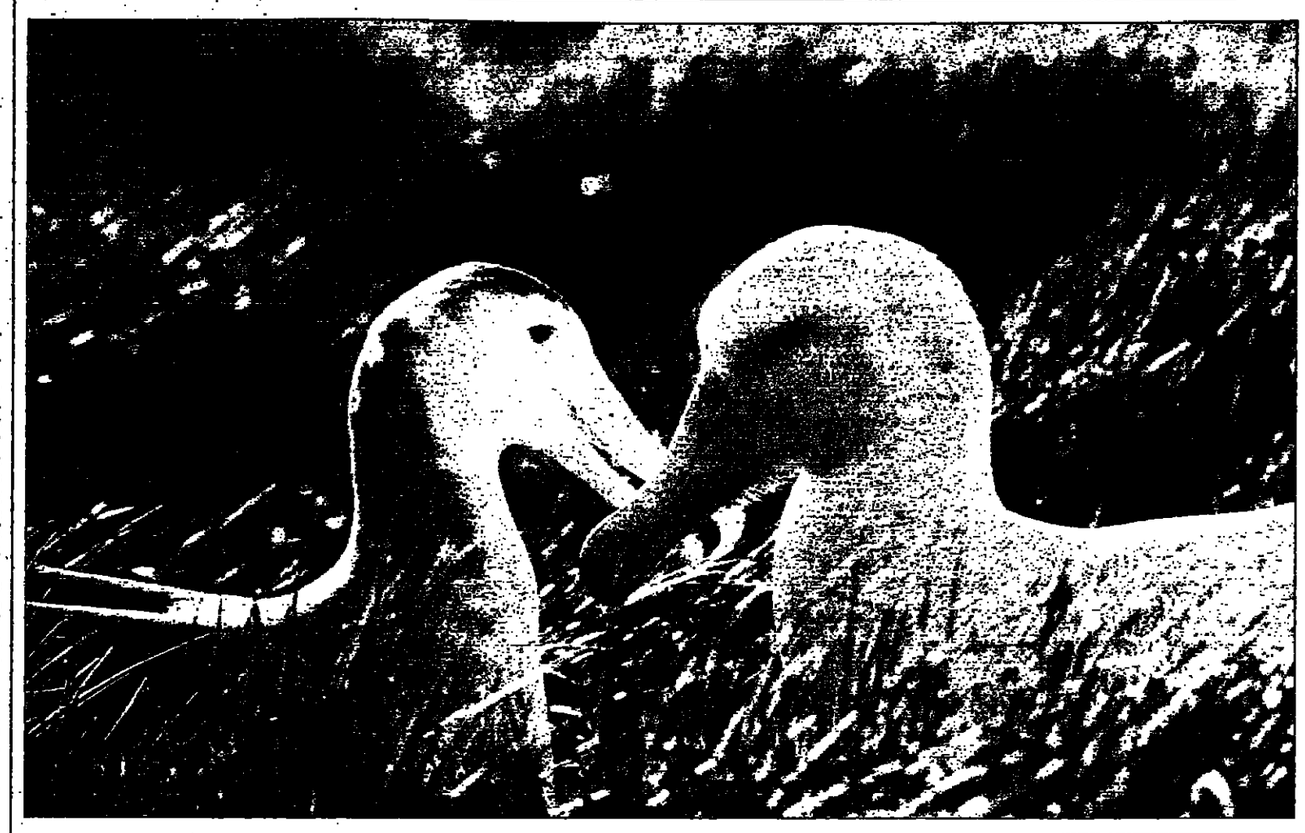
At Porth near Rhondda, the force may have to find an alternative police station because the present building has been condemned by health and safety authorities. The station is falling down and the force says there are many other buildings in a very poor state. Part of the force headquarters at Bridgend is shored up with scaffolding and in Cardiff repairs are being carried out to the floor of a police station because a desk fell through it.

The force believes it receives £14 million less than needed to catch up with the effects of wear and tear. It argues that the Home Office wrongly classifies it as a semi-rural force, which limits funding, yet it has 20,000 more crimes than Merseyside, which has 1,600 more men and an extra £70 million in its budget.

The three counties providing funding say they face government restrictions on spending. The Home Office and the Welsh Office maintain it is up to the counties to decide how they allocate the funds.

Yesterday, the force said it would continue to maintain a good police service and answer emergency calls swiftly. Other calls may eventually have to be prioritised and officers could find themselves parking their cars and increasingly patrolling on foot.

Wildlife team sets sail to track the plight of the albatross

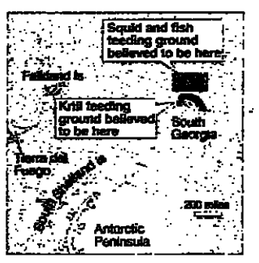


Two wandering albatrosses rest on Bird Island, South Georgia, tired after days searching the South Atlantic for fish and squid that scientists fear may be dwindling. A British expedition, concerned at the plight of seals, birds and penguins from overfishing of food stocks, set off from the Falklands yesterday on board the RRS *James Clark Ross* (Nick Nuttall writes).

The expedition, run by the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge, will attach 3in transmitters to albatrosses to track them by satellite to their summer feeding grounds hundreds of miles away. Bigger transmitters, able to withstand the pressures of diving, are being fitted to seals.

The tracking will be backed by instruments designed to observe the food levels in the sea, as well as the chemistry and temperature of the waters. The scientists hope also to discover the exact quantities of fish, squid and krill needed to sustain a successful breeding season. Over the past ten years, krill stocks have slumped at least three times, leading to an almost total failure of breeding colonies on some islands.

The scientists, who will be joined later by the South African vessel *African*, hope to help governments to set catch quotas, balancing the needs of wildlife with the commercial interest of fishermen. Photograph: S Pickering



The danger of building God in our own image

Gillian Crow

The Bishop of Durham's seasonal message of "No 'ell" may send a wintry shiver down the spine of all who harbour the desire to see their opponents condemned to an eternal roasting but it scarcely addresses the problem of finite human understanding's efforts to hold in balance the limitless love of God and His justice.

While human love and justice find their origins in the divine, they cannot be used as yardsticks to measure the infinite. We have tantalising flashes of insight, real but fragmentary experiences, nothing more. To dwell like modern theologians on the darkness in between could render us agnostic. To speak of the moments of bright certainty opens a path of hope and expectation on which we must travel without claiming prematurely to have arrived.

On the way, we can indeed dismantle false signposts such as Dante may offer. We can acknowledge our God-given freedom to turn away from our Creator, there is an old saying that the gates of hell are locked from the inside. We can understand the necessity for an eternal separation of pain from the presence of God, and shudder at the possibility that some might refuse to be separated from their pain, preferring it to divine love. We may legitimately encourage the nurturing of the seed of God's love in every person, and hope and pray for all.

What is absolutely futile is to project our wishful thinking on to God. If we try to create Him in our own image according to a comfortable model we have built, we are being dangerously naive. God is the One Who Is, and we must take Him as we find Him, regardless of whether He conforms to our preferences.

If His love and justice designate an eternal separation of the painful — even if, horror of horrors, their identity does not tally with the list compiled by hellfire preachers — we must not remould Him according to our superior ideas by creating a fiction of a god.

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Fortunately for humanity, 2,000 years of Christian experience demonstrates that is not the case.

☐ *Gillian Crow is secretary of the Russian Orthodox Diocese of Sourozh in Britain*

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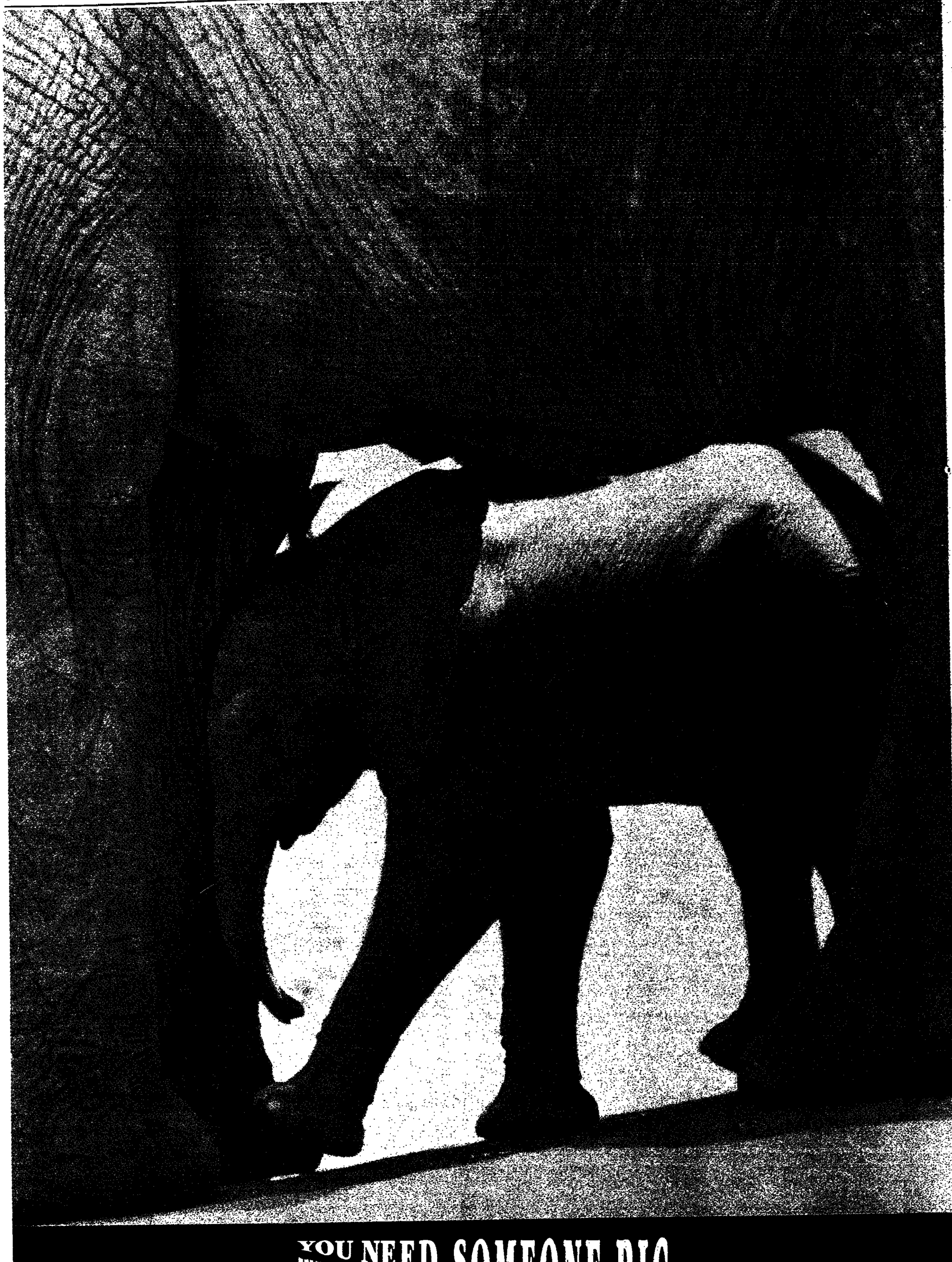
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Moscow outlaws dollar in attempt to stabilise rouble

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

■ Russia faces high inflation and falling productivity. But the decision to limit circulation of hard currencies may have more of a psychological than fiscal impact

RUSSIANS wake up today to a world where the mighty dollar no longer rules. The greenback, along with all other coveted Western currencies, will no longer be accepted in shops, kiosks and souvenir stalls, and instead the humble Russian rouble, now trading at more than 1,200 to the dollar, will be the only legal tender.

The move, following a decree in October by the Central Bank, is causing consternation. Special hard currency shops, which made a fortune for the Soviet Union exploiting the foreign community, will now be forced to accept roubles. State monopolies such as the telephone, electricity, tourism and transport authorities, which greedily demanded payment in dollars to boost their precious hard currency reserves, are also now obliged to trade in roubles.

The decree, issued immediately after President Yeltsin sent in the tanks against the old Parliament, is an attempt to stabilise the rouble and demonstrate its full internal convertibility. The real importance, however, is psychological. By forcing all traders to accept roubles, the government wants to end the humiliation of the rouble-owning masses pressing their faces against the windows of smart hotels, luxury restaurants and the better-stocked shops where they were barred from entry without dollars.

The move also ends the privileges given to foreigners and mafia millionaires who were able to command the best of everything, including scarce medicines and airline tickets, simply because they had convertible currency. The decree will not immediately end the dollar's allure as a stable unit in a torrent of inflation. Central Bank officials insist, however, that more dollars will now be on offer at the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange, thus boosting the value of the rouble.

In the communist era, any Soviet citizen holding foreign currency was liable to severe punishment, but the state's artificial exchange rate fuelled a thriving black market. Since the economic reforms began two years ago, controls have been lifted and the black market has almost disappeared as the rouble has been allowed to float. The dollar became virtually a parallel currency and many kiosks and shops, often under the control of the mafia, accepted only dollars, which they used to import Western goods.

The psychological boost for the rouble comes as the annual inflation rate is slowing, but the economic outlook remains bleak. The government announced that inflation in 1993 was running at around 900 per cent. The exchange rate for the rouble moved from 414 to the dollar in December 1992 to 1,247 last week. Industrial productivity fell a further 15.5 per cent, slightly better than the 18 per cent drop in 1992.

A third of the population — 49 million people — is living below subsistence level. Russia's ministries of labour, social security, employment and migration warned the government on Wednesday that if financial policy was not changed, up to 12 million people would be out of work by the end of 1994.

However, Boris Fyodorov, the Finance Minister, insisted that the rouble would plummet if Russia backed down over reform. He said prices were catching up fast with world markets, ending the flourishing of inefficient businesses which thrived on a huge gap in prices.

Yegor Gaidar, the First Vice-Prime Minister and guru of economic reform, said there was no need to slow down the reforms, which he predicted could soon lead to inflation falling to around 7 per cent. Privatisation ministers have been sounding optimistic also. The State Property Committee predicts that 80 per cent of property will be privatised by July, when the term of privatisation vouchers is up.



President Yeltsin receiving advice from Ludmilla Bikhoya, his public relations assistant, before recording his New Year address at the Kremlin for broadcast on Russian television early this morning

Muscovites thirst for vodka tonic in the ice

BY MICHAEL BINYON

MUSCOVITES braved icy streets and temperatures of -5C yesterday to scour near-empty shops for vodka, brandy and any remaining luxuries to brighten their New Year's Eve and escape from the hardships of daily life.

For many, however, there was little to celebrate after one of Russia's most difficult years, and the outlook for 1994 is equally fraught. President Yeltsin, in his New Year message, called on all politicians to learn the lesson of the siege of parliament in October. Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet President, accused Mr Yeltsin, in a newspaper interview, of bringing ruin to Russia with his "undemocratic" economic reform and called on him to resign.

Most Russians choose to ignore political sniping on New Year's Eve, and there is another holiday to come: Christmas, on January 7 in the Orthodox calendar.

The curfew in Georgia was lifted for two days and that in Tajikistan came to an end at midnight.



Wynette: voted vocalist of the year three times

'First Lady' of country taken ill

BY LOUISA YOUNG

TAMMY Wynette, the "First Lady" of country music, was still in critical condition in hospital last night. Wynette, 51, was taken to the Baptist Hospital in Nashville on Tuesday suffering from "a sudden major infection" and is in intensive care.

"The current illness overcame Miss Wynette very quickly," said Evelyn Shriver, her representative. Soon after finishing a recording session with Aaron Neville, of the Neville Brothers, Wynette was taken ill and rushed to hospital.

She has a history of intestinal problems and has had more than 20 operations in recent years. Almost as famous for her life as for her music, Wynette followed her big hit "Stand By Your Man" with the much pastiched "D.I.V.O.R.C.E", and has been married five times.

She has recorded more than 50 albums and sold 30 million records. She survived a mysterious kidnap attempt, had a role in a soap opera, and overcame an addiction to painkillers during the 1970s. She has been The Country Music Association's female vocalist of the year three times.

Honky Tonk Angels, her current album (with Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn), is at No. 12 in the *Billboard* Country Chart.

Born Virginia Wynette Pugh in Alabama, she still keeps the last cotton she picked in a bowl by the door of her Nashville home, First Lady Acres. She has also renewed her beautician's licence each year: "I came to Nashville with two things, that licence and a voice," she has said. "I figured I should keep the licence up to date just in case."

Recently Wynette had a public disagreement with Hillary Clinton. Mrs Clinton, discussing claims of her husband's adultery on television, declared that she was not "sitting here, some little woman standing by my man like Tammy Wynette". On behalf of all the "little women who stand by their men", Wynette declared, Mrs Clinton had displayed "obvious insensitivities". They later made up their differences.

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Rabin says Arafat to blame for peace delay

■ Despite his criticisms of the PLO leader, the Israeli Prime Minister remains convinced that Yassir Arafat is still the only Palestinian figure who can deliver peace

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN TEL AVIV

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, yesterday presented a grim assessement of the prospects for Middle East peace in the new year, warning that Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation could take weeks to resolve their differences.

At the Ministry of Defence in Tel Aviv, Mr Rabin said the apparent compromise during talks in Cairo on Wednesday between negotiators from both sides had been scuppered on Thursday by Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman. "The remarks of the chairman are far from anything discussed or agreed," the Israeli leader said.

The Prime Minister said he had received a fax from the PLO which he regarded as practically "a rejection". He reiterated that Israel would not climb down on any of the three main objections that have stalled the implementation of the peace accord, now three weeks behind schedule.

Israeli troops were supposed to begin withdrawing from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho on December 13, but disagreements over who will control the borders with Jordan and Egypt, the size of the Jericho enclave and security for Jewish settlers have postponed the pull-out date.

Mr Rabin, a former general who is also Defence Minister, said Israel was willing to allow a Palestinian presence at the border controls and to increase the size of the Jericho area. He insisted, however, that the frontiers remain under Israeli military control, that the Jericho enclave not extend to the Dead Sea, and that no Jewish settlements be dismantled at this stage.

"We will not implement anything before an agreement satisfactory to the two sides has been achieved and signed," he said, speaking ahead of next week's visit by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary. "If it will take a few weeks more it will take a few weeks more. I am sure in the long run an agreement will be reached."

Mr Rabin remained philosophical about the deadlocked talks, however, even suggesting that the Palestinian side was merely posturing to try to gain concessions at the negotiating table. "Negotiations in the Middle East look like a Middle Eastern bazaar," he said. "Don't take it too seriously at any given moment. You will have to judge it after a long process. One has to have patience; we have patience."

Responding to mounting speculation in Israel and the Arab World that Mr Arafat had lost the support of his people and his ability to negotiate, Mr Rabin stood up for his former rival and insisted that the PLO chairman was still the only Palestinian figure who could deliver peace with Israel.

"To the best of my understanding, he is the person who takes all the decisions," he said, adding: "Therefore I have no doubt in his capability to take decisions. I hope that decisions will be made in the right direction."

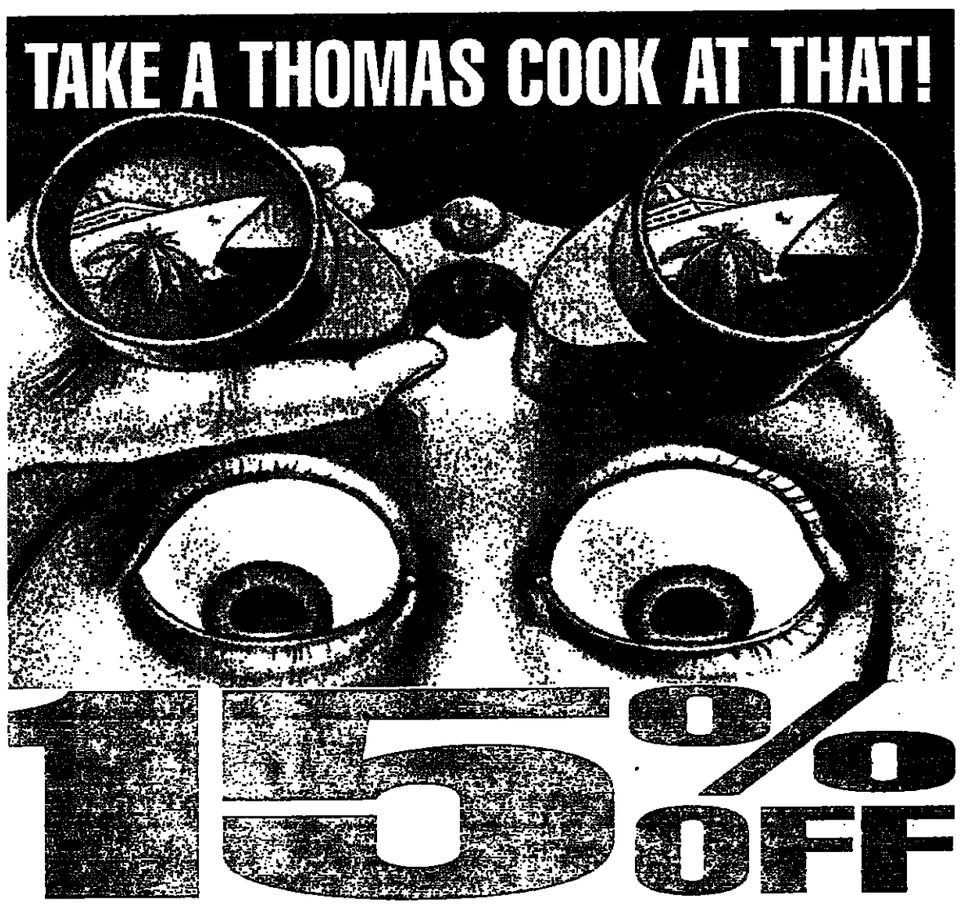
In a reference to the right-wing opposition, which is campaigning against the "land for peace deal", Mr Rabin said that Israel's future lay in strengthening Israel, rather than in annexing the nearly two million Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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Clockwise from top left: the London declaration as seen by Hagen in Norway's *Verdens Gang*; Yeltsin's plight portrayed by Mochalov in Moscow's *New Times*; crime in New York by the Toronto *Globe and Mail*'s Gable; China's dilemma viewed by Plantu in *Le Monde*; an ironic look at Bosnia from Arcadio in Costa Rica's *La Nación*

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Artillery onslaught casts pall of horror over Sarajevo clinic

FROM KURT SCHORK IN SARAJEVO

EVEN by Sarajevo standards, the scene at the Kosevo trauma clinic on the afternoon of New Year's Eve was gruesome.

With a quiet skill born of long experience, the clinic in the Bosnian capital sprang into action after six artillery shells slammed into central Sarajevo yesterday, killing four people and wounding 33. At least two shells hit the city's main street, wounding more than a dozen civilians, many of them seriously.

Seven wounded, including two women, were sprawled in pools of blood on the pavement and in a vestibule near the capital's presidency building. One man was dead at the scene.

To the east, another shell had blown a hurricane of glass shards into the street, wounding several. Passers-by, including foreign reporters, struggled to load the wounded into their vehicles for the trip to the nearby Kosevo clinic.

Two United Nations armoured vehicles drove past the scene but failed to stop, witnesses said.

As one reporter lifted a badly wounded man into a car, the man's artificial leg — the result of an earlier war wound — fell off in the street. So many wounded arrived at the same time at the clinic that they had to be piled on the floor of the lobby and given first aid on the spot.

Doctors and nurses slithered across the blood-stained floor, applying tourniquets. Blood-soaked clothing was sliced and ripped from the injured and piled in mounds on the floor.

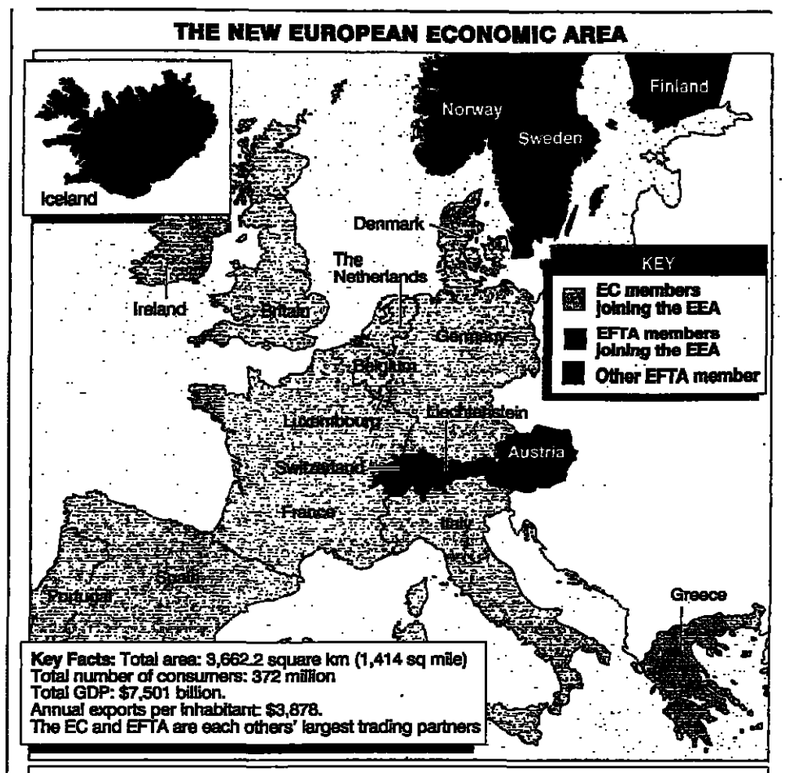
For all the bustle, the lobby was strangely quiet. There were few moans from the injured, and Kosevo's trauma teams are so experienced they rarely have to speak during such emergencies.

One woman in a fur coat with grievous wounds to the legs and lower abdomen was dragged off by her feet into a corner and left alone, presumed dead. Some casualties had to stand or sit unattended for more than a quarter of an hour as the more seriously wounded received priority treatment.

UN officials had no immediate explanation why their vehicles drove past the scene of the shelling without offering help, but said that they were investigating.

Tony Land, head of the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Sarajevo, gave a gloomy summary of UN aid operations in Bosnia over the past year. He said that efforts to move relief aid to victims of war in Sarajevo and other areas of Bosnia would begin 1994 in much worse shape than a year ago.

The city has been under siege by Serb forces since April 1992. More than 50,000 city residents have been killed or wounded. *(Reuter)*



Europe extends free trade area

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE world's biggest free trade market, from the Arctic to the Mediterranean, was born at midnight last night as the European Community linked up with five members of the European Free Trade Association (Efta).

The European Economic Area (EEA) will extend the EC's single market to Austria, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, setting the stage for an enlarged EC next year. Liechtenstein hopes to join after it has renegotiated its customs agreement with Switzerland, whose voters rejected taking part in the market.

The removal of some trade barriers across the region is expected to result in considerable economic gains for all the participating countries, including Britain, as firms will be able to treat the five Efta countries and the EC states as a unified market enabling them to make economies of scale.

"By taking on 1,500 single market measures, the European Free Trade Association states will have to open areas of their markets previously closed to UK exporters," Richard Needham, the Trade Minister, said. British firms, which exported £7 billion worth of goods to Efta last year, were well-placed to take advantage of the enlarged single market, he said. The deal does not extend to agriculture and does not remove border controls. The EC and Efta are each others' largest trading partners.

The North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) linking America, Canada and Mexico also came into force last night. Nafta covers a land area nearly five times that of the EEA, but the EEA has 372 million consumers against NAFTA's 360 million and a greater gross domestic product.

Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden began talks on EC membership in 1993 and hope to join on January 1, 1995. Officials caution, however, that the January 1, 1995 target for EC membership is ambitious. The four governments face tough negotiations early this year before their electorates will be asked to back membership in referendums.

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Farewell to the glory and joy that once were Belgrade's

Dessa Trevisan, The Times' Belgrade correspondent made an OBE in the New Year Honours, looks back on her life in the Balkans



In spite of Communism, Belgrade was once regarded as the most open, friendly and liberal capital in Eastern Europe, but the past few years have dramatically changed this. Gradually the mood has altered to one of depression, pessimism, greyness and outright hostility to the West — and especially to Western journalists.

Throughout the decades that I have been covering Eastern Europe, I have encountered problems with officialdom, but I was always able to carry on my work in Yugoslavia. Being of Slav origin had both advantages and disadvantages, but people on the whole were friendly. Now there is hostility and suspicion provoked by media campaigns that have had frightening effects.

People at the market where I used to go would look at me and ask: "Why do you hate the Serbs?" or "Why are you against us?" If I tried to respond I met a mental wall created by stories in the state media, especially television, of Western conspiracies and the bias and plots of foreign journalists.

Hundreds of Serb journalists have been fired. Many have left the country or joined the small circle of journalists on independent newspapers, radio and television who work under extremely difficult conditions. Studio B television, Radio B 92, magazines *Vreme* and *Nin*, and *Borba*, the daily newspaper, are still maintaining their integrity against continuing harassment by government bodies.



Tito: an era of bright lights

From 1987, coinciding with the rise to power of Slobodan Milosevic, it was clear that the possibility of any liberal transformation was doomed. The great surge of nationalism that he incited, and used to his own ends, assumed frightening proportions and is still alive.

The people, however, are now fighting hardships previously unknown in Serbia. There are even food shortages — and that in a country which exports food. People are now weary of the nationalistic rhetoric, worried about the future, frightened and insecure. Nevertheless, the hypnotic effect of television, as the latest election results show, seems still to work.

While it is clear that the lack of milk, bread and meat is not due to sanctions, state propaganda blames the outside world for all the hardship, including the horrendous inflation that has undermined the national currency, destroyed the economy and, with it, the once prosperous middle class.

The dinar has been replaced by the Deutschmark in the shops, even in those owned by the state. Peasants, who sell their products at prices three or four times those in the rest of Europe to people whose monthly wages are the equivalent of less than £10, also now demand marks. So much for hatred of Germany, blamed by Serbia for many of its troubles.

Pensioners are hardest hit. Many have committed suicide and thousands are swallowing their pride and standing in queues every Saturday as humanitarian aid is distributed on the streets of Belgrade.

Leaving the country for the first time for several years and crossing the border into Hungary was a shock. On the other side of the border there was a queue of cars, nearly four miles long, waiting to cross back into Serbia with the necessities of life bought in Hungary. Many people had spent more than 24 hours at the border. Once, of course, it was the Hungarians who left behind the grey poverty of their country in search of plenty, bright lights and the free and easy atmosphere of Tito's Yugoslavia. For decades, Belgrade's Writers' Club provided journalists with delicious food and opportunities to meet dissidents and intellectuals, as well as officials, engaged in debate.

Throughout the switchback of Communist relaxation and repression, the club maintained its special role, providing journalists with information. Now even that has changed. The habitués are totally different and most of them are now black marketeers and others for whom the war has brought great wealth. Intellectuals can no longer afford to go.

Belgrade, like many Mediterranean and Balkan cities, once had a rich night life; now there is grimness and terror after dark. The charm of the city is gone. It seems to have lost its character and, I fear, it will not quickly recover it.

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Clinton demands urgent talks on radiation tests

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

■ Among unsuspecting Cold War "guinea pigs" were retarded boys. As recently as the 1960s, they were injected with radioactive isotopes in experiments for the government

PRESIDENT Clinton, stepping into the burgeoning controversy over Cold War human radiation experiments, yesterday ordered four government departments to attend a White House summit on Monday to co-ordinate their enquiries into the tests, often conducted without the subjects' consent.

Mr Clinton wants representatives from the Pentagon, Nasa, and the Energy and Veterans' Departments to review all aspects of the testing on hundreds of Americans from the 1940s until the early 1970s. The President is not scheduled to attend the meeting, but will be represented by senior officials.

The meeting was called just after Les Aspin, the Defence Secretary, had ordered the armed forces to comb through all files that may shed light on the experiments and to be completely forthcoming in their findings. He said: "I'm concerned about reports that human beings may have been used in conducting radiation tests without their knowledge. We want our veterans and civilians to know how seriously we consider this matter."

The trailblazer in uncovering the radiation secrets has been Hazel O'Leary, the Energy Secretary, who said she was sickened to learn that subjects of tests sponsored by her department — then the Atomic Energy Commission — were unaware of being used in experiments. Earlier, Mrs O'Leary startled official Washington by revealing that America conducted 200 more nuclear tests than had been previously announced.

She set up a toll-free telephone line to answer questions and collect new information about the radiation experiments, and was astonished by the response. There were so many calls that initially at least 10,000 people were unable to get through. Many callers described experiments conducted by the government, particularly the Pentagon.

Mrs O'Leary has dismayed some members of the Clinton Administration by saying that victims harmed by exposure to radiation must be compensated by the government. This sensitive issue will be taken up at the meeting, although senior officials are shying away from any commitment.

For years, the Justice Department has fought lawsuits brought by civilians who lived downwind from American nuclear weapons tests in Nevada and who said their cancers and other serious illnesses were due to high levels of radiation dumped on their communities.

In a policy reversal, Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, has promised Mrs O'Leary full support from the Justice Department and says they should work together on legislation to ensure compensation to radiation sufferers.

One disturbing series of tests that has come to light was conducted on retarded boys at a school in Massachusetts, beginning in 1946 and lasting for ten years. The school superintendent asked parents for their consent but made no mention of radiation, saying only that the boys would receive a special diet to study absorption of vitamins and iron. The 49 boys, who were told they were joining a science club, were fed radioactive milk and cereal.

The study was conducted for the government by Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to learn the effects of mild radiation. One scientist involved, Constantine Maletskos, said yesterday that the levels of radiation were extremely low by the standards of the time and would still be permissible today. *The Boston Globe*, however, has reported that the tests were more widespread than previously believed and continued into the 1960s, when 61 children at the school were injected with radioactive isotopes.



The Princess of Wales on a New York shopping expedition. She was staying in the city after visiting her friends Paulo Tarso Flecha de Lima, Brazil's ambassador, and his wife Lucia in Washington

Korea relents on nuclear monitors

BY IAN BRODIE

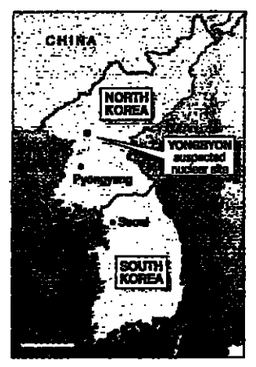
THE US government has reported progress in its nuclear talks with North Korea, but not a breakthrough as claimed by the official North Korean news agency.

At the talks in New York, North Korean diplomats conceded that international monitors can have access to all seven of the Stalinist regime's officially disclosed nuclear sites. This had been a key demand of President Clinton, whose Administration is divided over whether North Korea already has one or two nuclear weapons but is agreed that the nuclear programme is an issue of great concern.

Still to be clarified is whether the inspectors would be the sole judges of where they can go at the sites and whether they can examine the core of North Korea's nuclear reactor to determine if plutonium has been removed, possibly to make a bomb. North Korea has not yet spelled out its conditions for the monitors from the International Atomic Energy Agency, but in the past it has hampered their work after agreeing to let them in.

Also unclear is whether the North Koreans will allow examination of two nuclear waste sites where they may have been reprocessing plutonium for weapons. The American delegation to the talks sought answers to these questions. If the replies are positive, America could keep its end of the bargain by announcing, as a first step, suspension of the annual joint military exercises conducted by American and South Korean forces.

The North Korean news agency report from Pyongyang quoted a foreign ministry spokesman as saying the latest talks had removed a series of stumbling blocks. The two sides had achieved "a breakthrough for the progress of the talks by displaying the spirit of mutual understanding and co-operation". The State Department in Washington was not prepared to go that far, but acknowledged that the gap between two sides' positions had narrowed.



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Carey took decision to snub Sudanese capital

BY SAM KILEY
AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, continuing his tour of southern Sudan yesterday, said that the British Government had played no part in his decision not to visit Khartoum.

Speaking from the rebel-held south during a radio link with Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, Dr George Carey said he was "very sad" that the Sudanese government was expelling Mr Peter Streams, the British ambassador, so soon after the dispute provoked by his decision to cancel his visit to Khartoum but to go ahead with a tour of the rebel-held Christian south.

"I want to say that the British Government in no way influenced my decision not to visit Khartoum," Dr Carey said. "The Foreign and Commonwealth Office, in particular Mr Streams, did all they could to assist my preparations on this occasion. But the decision was mine alone."

In London, Abdul Rahman Bakhit, the Sudanese Chargé d'Affaires, was summoned to the Foreign Office where he was told that Khartoum's explanation for Mr Streams's expulsion was "wholly inadequate". Mr Bakhit was also told that his government had until Tuesday to withdraw the expulsion order, or face severe sanctions.



Peter Streams, left, expelled from Sudan, and Abdul Rahman Bakhit, Khartoum's man in London

It was felt that the Sudanese government was unlikely to withdraw its expulsion order against Mr Streams. Sudan, which won its independence from Britain on January 1, 1956, is touting the expulsion of Mr Streams virtually 37 years later as a second victory over its colonial past.

President al-Bashir of Sudan, who came to power in a Muslim fundamentalist-inspired military coup in 1989, had invited Dr Carey to Khartoum as an official guest of the government. However, aides said he would have been identified with the Sudanese government if he had agreed to its terms.

A spokesman for the Archbishop insisted that it was clear that Khartoum wanted to control Dr Carey's movements, and engineer what he saw on his tour of Government-held southern city of Juba and the Nuba area.

According to Africa Watch and other human rights groups, the Nuba people, many of whom are Christian, are being "ethnically cleansed" and driven off fertile land in the Nuba mountains to make way for Sudanese Muslims. If Dr Carey had gone as an official guest, he would have found it impossible to investigate these claims, as well as the allegations of systematic persecution of the country's three million Christians. One of the victims of the harsh Islamic law imposed by the president was the Right Rev Peter El-Berish, Suffragan Bishop of Khartoum, who was flogged in public for allegedly committing adultery.

Sudan was blacklisted by Washington for sponsoring terrorism after the bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York, which was blamed on Sudanese fundamentalists.

Intelligence sources claim that Iran's Revolutionary Guards have been involved in persecuting Christians in Juba after being deployed along the front line in the war against the mainly Christian and Animist rebels of the Sudanese People's Liberation Front.

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Cuban President's grand-daughter arrives in Miami



Alina Maria Salgado Fernández, 16, whose mother made a dramatic escape from Havana last week

US reunion for Castro family

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

THE teenage grand-daughter of Cuba's President Castro arrived in Miami yesterday to be reunited with her mother who made a dramatic defection last week.

Alina Salgado Fernández, 16, was met by airport security agents at Miami airport and put on a flight to Atlanta, Georgia, where her mother was waiting to greet her.

"I'm very happy," said Señorita Salgado in Havana before she departed. "I've been packed for two days," she added.

American diplomats in Havana issued her a visa on Thursday after the Cuban government gave her a passport. Asked if she was sad to be leaving Cuba she said: "Very much. But I suppose I may be able to return at some point." Señorita Salgado was accompanied to Miami by Francisco Salgado, her father who is divorced from Dr Castro's daughter. Señor Salgado was expected to return to Cuba after his daughter is reunited with Alina Fernández Revuelta, her mother, in Columbus, Georgia, where she is living with Cuban-American friends who helped her escape.

Señora Fernández's daughter was allowed to leave Cuba after the intervention of Jesse Jackson, the American civil rights leader, who had a four-hour meeting with Dr Castro on Monday. Mr Jackson said Dr Castro pledged to allow her to leave if relatives in Cuba did not object.

The family saga has caused much embarrassment for Dr Castro who had prevented his daughter from leaving Cuba for eight years.

Friends of Señora Fernandez, whose mother had an extra-marital affair with Dr Castro, said her defection was intricately prepared. She left Cuba on a plane to Madrid wearing a heavy disguise and carrying a doctored Spanish passport which was delivered hours before she left with the help of two Spanish collaborators posing as tourists.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pakistan and India meet to talk peace

Delhi: India and Pakistan, which have become nuclear powers since fighting the last of their three wars 22 years ago, tomorrow begin the delicate task of trying to put relations between them on a safer if still unfriendly footing (Christopher Thomas writes).

The talks will explore the entire range of conflicts between India and Pakistan. There is no realistic hope of a breakthrough over the Kashmir conflict, but the talks could lead to eventual agreement to end the nine-year conflict, being fought at 20,000 feet, for control of the Siachen Glacier in the Karakoram range of the Himalayas.

The conflict is perhaps one of the world's most pointless. The territory is uninhabitable, strategically almost worthless, and has never formally belonged to any country or power. The dispute is costly to both sides, and particularly to India, whose front line can be reached only by helicopter.

Tutu wedding

Cape Town: Archbishop Desmond Tutu presided over the wedding of his youngest daughter, Mpho, to American sportswriter Joseph Burris. Breaking tradition, Mpho was given away by her mother while her father conducted the ceremony. *(AP)*

Kohl tribute

Bonn: Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, paid tribute to Simon Wiesenthal on the prominent Nazi hunter's 85th birthday, saying that he had dedicated his life to "defending good against evil and moral values against barbarism". *(AFP)*

Plot charges

Freetown: Four Britons of Vietnamese origin have been charged with plotting to overthrow Sierra Leone's military government. They were not asked to plead to charges of treason at a magistrates' court and the trial was adjourned to January 10. *(AP)*

Clean sweep

Washington: A 200,000-strong global army of volunteers collected 2,000 tonnes of rubbish over 5,000 miles of beaches and waterways in 56 countries during an annual one-day clean-up sponsored by the Centre for Marine Conservation. *(AP)*

Lost link

Wellington: The population of the Pitcairn Islands has fallen by almost 2 per cent following the death of a 94-year-old woman. The death of Bernice Christian, a descendant of the HMS *Bounty* mutineers, cut the islands' population to 55. *(Reuter)*

Sax appeal

Prague: President Clinton may play the saxophone during a visit here on January 11 when he is scheduled to have dinner with President Havel after his arrival from Nato talks in Brussels, the Czech newspaper *Lidove Noviny* reported. *(AFP)*

Legendary eccentric and agent to the stars dies at 86

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

IRVING Lazar, whose Oscar night party was for 30 years a hotter ticket than the Oscars themselves, has died in Beverly Hills at the age of 86.

Nicknamed "Swifty" by Humphrey Bogart, for whom he once made five film deals in a single day, Lazar was a pioneering "packager" of motion pictures; a Hollywood superagent who numbered Gene Kelly, Truman Capote, Ira Gershwin, Cole Porter and Joseph Heller among his friends and clients. Just 5ft 2in tall and completely bald, he was a compulsive womaniser whose personal telephone directory was said to be indexed "Girls — Hollywood, Girls — Vegas, Girls — New York, and Girls — Europe".

Selling showbusiness ideas came naturally to Lazar. He had his first big break in the Army Air Corps during the Second World War, promising his commanding officer that he could sign Rogers and Hammerstein, Clark Gable and James Stewart for a publicity show, never having met them. He delivered, moved to California and prospered through clients and anyone else who caught his eye. "The greatest fun is to sell something you don't represent at all," he once said. "If I like something I go out and sell it — I usually manage to get paid anyway."

Lazar will be missed for his legendary eccentricities as much as anything. He washed bars of soap before using them, had his sheets changed twice a day, and had a path of clean towels laid out from the bathroom to his bed when he stayed in hotels.

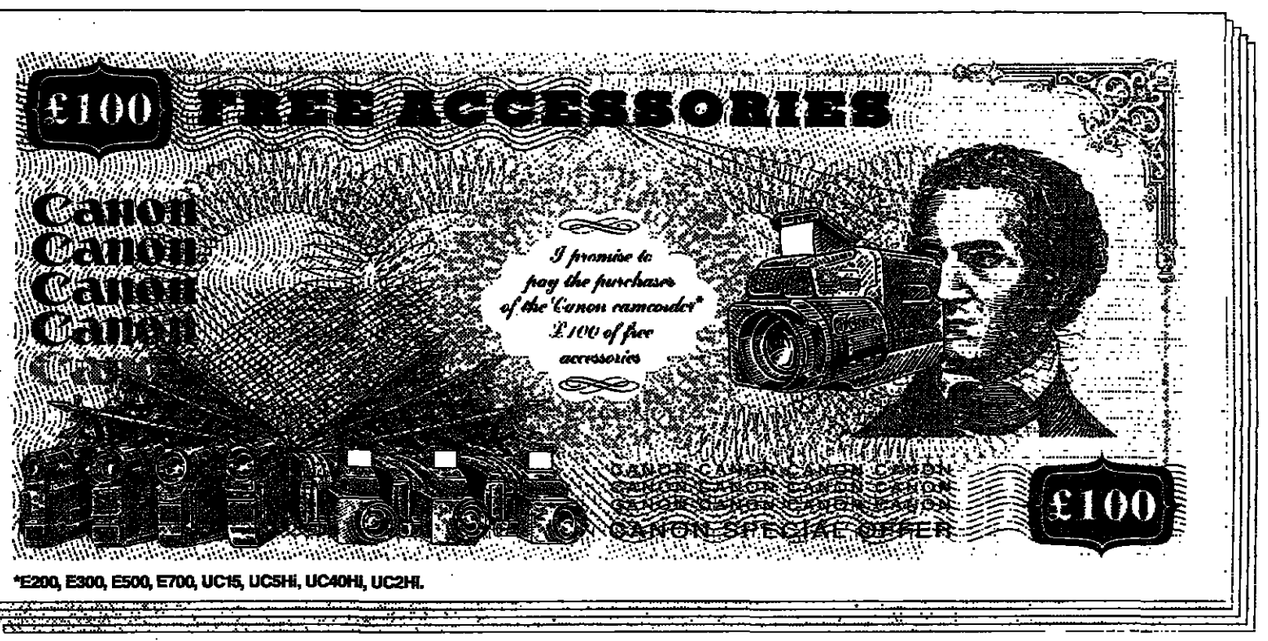
It is not yet known how Lazar's estate will be distributed, but in the 1950s he wrote a will leaving his entire fortune to the wives of 12 of his friends, who were to be entertained at a three-day party.

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Lazar: friends' wives may be his heirs

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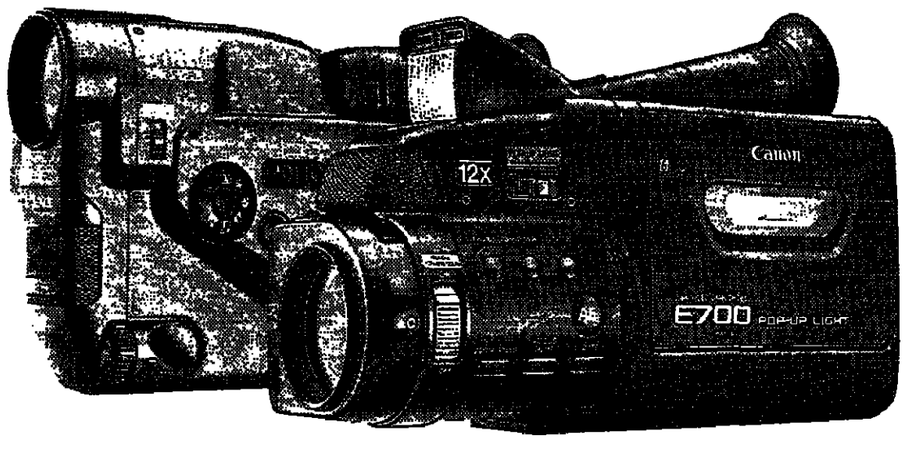
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Thirty years on, we still have much to learn from the original negotiations for Britain's entry into the EEC, says **Edward Heath**

When France blocked our way

The government papers for 1963, released today, cover the final stages of the first negotiations for Britain's entry into the European Economic Community — now the European Union — brought to an end by the veto of General de Gaulle. Comment has concentrated on Macmillan's government apparently being taken by surprise by the veto. Is that so, and if so, how did it come about?

These negotiations began in October 1961 and it had been our aim to conclude them by July or early August 1962. The agreement could then have been discussed at a Commonwealth prime ministers' conference in the autumn, explained to the public at the party conference, and laid before Parliament after the summer recess.

However, this was not to be, despite our strenous efforts. Indeed, so hard did we press negotiations and so lengthy did the sittings become that several of the ministers taking part became physically and mentally exhausted. The chairman collapsed and was taken to hospital. We had no alternative but to adjourn until the autumn. This was not brought about by obstruction. It was the result of having to settle a mass of detail, while adhering to the principles laid down in the Treaty of Rome.

Jean Monnet, in many ways the founding father of the Community and a good friend and adviser to me, constantly urged me to accept the Treaty and get into the Community. Once in, we could settle all the details, we would have more influence, and we would have a full say in all further developments. But this was not saleable either to all the Cabinet or Parliament, or the public. How much easier and quicker it would have been had this been feasible. For that matter, how infinitely stronger our overall position would have been had Attlee's Labour government negotiated us into the Coal and Steel Community, the first to be formed, in 1950.

When we resumed in the autumn, we concentrated upon reaching agreed positions on all the problems, so that in the New Year we could make an intense effort to produce a settlement. When we stopped at Christmas, we planned a programme, beginning on January 14, 1963, with a week's work, a week in the capitals reporting progress, and then a final week concluding negotiations. Harold Macmillan and I accepted an invitation from the Italian Prime Minister to visit Rome in February. We regarded this as an opportunity to thank the Italians for their help, and to celebrate our success.

To ensure that everything was as cut and dried as possible before the last stretch, I arranged an informal lunch at the British embassy in Paris on January 11 to which our ambassador — the leader of our Brussels team — invited the French Foreign Minister, M. Couve de Murville, and his leading officials. It proved an entertaining occasion with frequent exchanges about the relative merits of French and English literature. After coffee, I took up the future of the negotiations with M. Couve de Murville. If he had doubts he must tell me, so that I could try to remove them. In particular, if any of our proposals on the Common Agricultural Policy were still a barrier, I had full authority to settle them then and there. No, he declared several times, there were no longer any difficulties. The Common Agricultural Policy was not an obstacle. Finally he affirmed in a memorable phrase, "no power on earth can prevent this negotiation from being successful". He departed leaving us happy.

The French Foreign Minister was not present when we assembled on January 14 for the first of our "final" sessions. That was understandable. He would be expected to be at President de Gaulle's press conference, a terse but splendid event. Just before lunch, the news of that press conference and the veto reached us. Everyone was shattered. We decided to continue. The French Foreign Minister did not arrive until Wednesday evening, loudly denouncing our chairman for continuing with the sittings. He was ignored and we went on. When we broke up at the end of the week the German Finance Minister and Foreign Minister indicated that they would urge Chancellor Adenauer to try to persuade President de Gaulle to change his mind at their meeting in Paris the following week. He failed, though there is not very much evidence that he concentrated on trying.

And so to the final meeting. There was no alternative to suspending the negotiations. Afterwards, the five foreign ministers invited me to join them to discuss whether the five could break away and with the British form a new six. It was not realistic. We broke up, despondent.

In view of all the assurances given, it is not astonishing that the Government was surprised by the veto. What brought it about?

I have always thought Macmillan greatly underestimated the impact of his meeting with the French president the previous December and his subsequent agreement with President Kennedy to take Polaris instead of Skybolt. De Gaulle told me after I became leader of the Conservative Party that Macmillan told him frankly what he intended to try to get from Kennedy. It was just, said de Gaulle, that he completely disagreed with it.

The episode confirmed de Gaulle's belief that the United States came first in Macmillan's — perhaps Britain's — order of priorities. He still suspected that Britain was using the negotiations to disrupt the Community.

I concluded my few words to my colleagues before we adjourned the negotiations by saying, "we shall never, never, turn our backs on Europe". I did so without telling the Cabinet, or even the Prime Minister. I did not want another prolonged Cabinet argument. We have not turned our backs on Europe, nor must we ever do so.

Employers should allow mothers and fathers more flexible working practices, says **Mary Ann Sieghart**

Family policy should begin in the office

It will take more than 1994's International Year of the Family to order our muddled thoughts about society's most enduring institution. Throughout 1993, a series of incidents fed what was already a lurking unease about the health of the family: the James Bulger murder, toddlers left alone at home, the new rights of children to "divorce" their parents, and the birth of twins to a 59-year-old woman. Government ministers, sensing a current with which they could usefully swim, began to criticise single parents and to preach family values. With consummate predictability, one of their number was soon exposed as the adulterous father of an illegitimate child.

"Picking on single parents is as uncivilised as bear-baiting," an old-school Tory minister told me a few months ago, uncomfortable with the rhetoric of some of his colleagues. Politicians did go wrong in aiming their barbs at active mothers rather than absent fathers. Becoming a father, after all, is dead easy; being one is much more difficult. And being a mother coping alone with children is harder still.

The only Government initiative, however flawed, that has a hope of reducing the number of new one-parent families is the Child Support Agency. This alone recognises that on the whole it is men, not women, who create such family units in the first place, by deserting the mothers of their children. If they are not left holding the baby, they will at least be left writing the cheques.

> Exponents of women's rights never envisaged a society of men and surrogate men

But absent fathers and single mothers cannot take all the blame for bad parenting. Many two-parent families fail to bring their children up well, and it is bizarre that the one skill which almost everyone will need as an adult is still untaught by most schools. "Parenthood remains the greatest single preserve of the amateur", wrote Alvin Toffler. Parentcraft, along with social and moral education, should be a compulsory subject for both sexes at school. Discovering the difficulties, as well as the joys, of having children might also deter teenagers from parenthood.

But ultimately, employers can do more than any government to ensure that the next generation is brought up well, something in which the whole of society has a stake. Almost everybody now accepts that women should have equal rights to work and to pursue a career; but those who fought for those rights never envisaged that they would create a society filled with men and surrogate men. Women have been allowed into the workforce, but only on men's terms. The result is a generation of children, caught between the modern thinking of their working parents and the backward thinking of their parents' employers.

Work practices remain barely changed from the industrial revolution. Employees have to arrive punctually each morning and spend the requisite number of hours at the office each day, five days a week, 48 weeks a year. For the majority of their waking hours they are away from home, away from their children. In order to demonstrate commitment and thus earn promotion, they are expected to put in extra, often unproductive hours and not to use up their paltry holiday entitlement.

Women, if anything, have to be more like men than men themselves. This means arriving early and leaving late, never mentioning children at the office, and pretending that they are sick in order to take a day off when a child is ill. But while the notion of femininity has changed drastically over the past 30 years, the concept of masculinity has barely changed at all. Men are still expected to be aggressive and ambitious and to provide for their families. If it is hard for a mother to ask to leave early to attend the school nativity play, it is harder still for a father. And for a man to decide to stay at home to look after small children is to invite unconcealed derision from other men. Yet many men yearn to be more active parents or, if they are older, regret that they missed so much of their children's early years.

One female MP told me the story of her daughter's birthday, which fell on the day she was supposed to be leading the discussion on a select committee. Assuming that she would celebrate in the evening, she was taken aback when her daughter was deeply disappointed that she would not be at home for a birthday tea. She finally decided to announce to her middle-aged male colleagues on the committee that she intended to leave them: "If I miss my daughter's birthday, she will remember for years to come; if I miss today's discussion, you will have forgotten in a fortnight." Instead of the expected barrage of criticism, she encountered a wave of sympathy from the men, who came over misty-eyed at the memories of birthdays missed in their own families.

If employers accepted that parents of young children, male as well as female, have special responsibilities which companies can easily help them to meet, the short-term result would be happier and more motivated employees. The longer-term outcome would be a better-adjusted generation of young adults to form the workforce and society of the next few decades.

A change in the working ethos is virtually costless. Employees should be judged not by the hours they put in, but by the quality of work they produce. If that work can as easily be done at home with a computer, a telephone, a fax or a modem, all the better. And if that enables parents to have lunch with a child instead of boozing in the office pub with their colleagues, both family and company will benefit. Parents who ask to work part-time or to share a job, or to work more flexible hours, should be seen not as lacking commitment to their career, but merely as exhibiting an admirable sense of responsibility to their young families. Paternity leave is vital, as it is far easier for a man to become close to his children if he takes part in their care from the beginning. From the employer's point of view, expensively trained workers are more likely to stay in their jobs after children are born if their bosses respond sympathetically to these requests.

The more fathers are allowed to think and act this way, the less mothers will have to bear the burden of all the domestic responsibilities on top of their work. Employers will find, probably to their surprise, that most parents are far too conscientious to take advantage of any easing in the pointlessly macho attitudes towards work. And men will realise how rewarding children can be.

Meanwhile, what is now a lost generation of boys and girls will discover the joys of spending more time with their parents and grow up feeling more secure, better motivated and, with luck, more law-abiding. These are the new family values that politicians should be preaching.

Old tunes are the best

Radio-listeners no longer have time for whole concerts. When they switch on, they want to hear familiar music

There is, I am told, a piece of string inside my radio which links the tuner knob to the dial. This year it has virtually worn out. Day after day I have sent it spinning along the VHF waveband on a cacophonous journey from 90.2 FM to 100 FM and back again. For me and millions of other music addicts, 1993 has been the year of indecision: to run off with promiscuous Classic FM or return to our former love, Radio 3?

My introduction to Classic FM was, I must admit, instant infatuation: Schubert's *Du Bist die Ruh* wafting across the bathroom. I had long dreamt of a radio station that was day-and-night Schubert. I would awaken to impromptus and *Lieder*. The day would continue through the orchestral and choral repertoire. It would become more refined with the chamber works and welcome the night with the majestic sonatas. Familiarity would never breed contempt. Schubert, as Mencken said, "hatched more good ideas in 31 years than the rest of mankind has hatched since the beginning of time". How could Lord Clark have omitted him from his pantheon of civilisation? This freest of spirits, this first great impressionist, would have an ethereal beam entirely to himself, a Turner gallery of the air.

If Classic FM wanted to dilute the purity of this idea with other composers, so be it. Either way the station was surely onto a winner. Its slogan, "the world's most beautiful music", is cheap — why not Addison's "all of Heaven we have below"? — but at least it is true. What a relief, after years of Radio 3's gibe that the most beautiful music was already in every record library. It would offer the almost-most-beautiful music. Pop radio might mean the top ten, but serious music meant the next ten, perhaps even the bottom ten, whether the audience liked it or not. Radio 3 was producer choice not consumer choice.

What a relief also to have a station that treats its listeners not as prisoners trapped in a concert hall but as they are, busy people with things to do at home, in the car or at work, delighting to catch a familiar tune on the air. And what a relief to have presenters who plainly enjoy music. In his book *Music and the Mind*, Anthony Storr remarks that musical experts can become so close to their scores that music ceases to be an object of love: "They no longer play music or listen to it. For them music has become a scholastic endeavour devoid of emotional significance." As Professor Storr says, a new piece of music is like a new acquaintance. It takes time and patience to get to know. Most of us do not want new acquaintances pushed at us all the time. We want radio to be primarily to be a serendipitous encounter with old ones.

So we stand at the threshold of decision. Classic FM now has some 4.5 million listeners a week; Radio 3 has three million. My impression is that the two stations briefly joined battle but have now drawn apart. Nicholas Kenyon, the ebullient new controller of Radio 3, has made a few concessions to his audience, notably at the start of the day with Brian Kay's admirable programme — derided by the scholastics as "highlights culture". He has struggled to temper the old-guard modernists in his department, and made Radio 3 a little more accessible, a little more friendly. Movements from symphonies or arias from operas are no longer banned, as under his cheerless predecessor, John Drummond.

But the old habits die hard. The BBC still sees its Radio 3 listener as sitting in his slippers by his gas fire, cocoa spilling over his *Radio Times*, listening rapt from morning to night. It still denies what Classic FM understands, that broadcast music makes different demands from concert-hall music. Radio, said Marshall McLuhan, is a hot medium. It requires conscious attention, the sublimation of all other senses to the sense of hearing. That is why difficult or unfamiliar music is so much easier to grasp when sitting still in the concert hall, and why televised concerts are so unsatisfactory. On television the ear is constantly distracted by the eye as the camera moves restlessly from conductor to soloist to cellist to timpanist.

I enjoy hearing familiar music precisely because it lets my attention wander without losing me completely. Few listeners to broadcast music have time to give it undivided attention or listen to complete works at a sitting. Its virtue is that it is not wholly distracting, unlike broadcast speech. Radio music is an accompaniment to driving or reading. It is Satie's background *musique d'ameublement*. It is the antithesis of Proust's string quartet, hired to play in his room to him alone.

Classic FM has wrenched listening away from the professionals, from publishers, promoters and music historians. It has used the lay experience of music as its most effective introduction. Mr Kenyon's presenters know music but seem not to love it. Classic FM's presenters love it, even if they do not know it. Even the sugary Classic Romance recognises that, for many people, music is the language of their most intimate, most passionate feelings. Mozart would say amen to that.

And yet and yet. I must admit to wearying of Classic FM. I can just tolerate the downmarket presenters, who seem to inhabit a world of Corfu holidays, Black Magic chocolates and "name a famous Milan opera house" quizzes. Their chat is incessant and out of character with the music. Can Bach really be intercut with horseracing tips and recipes?

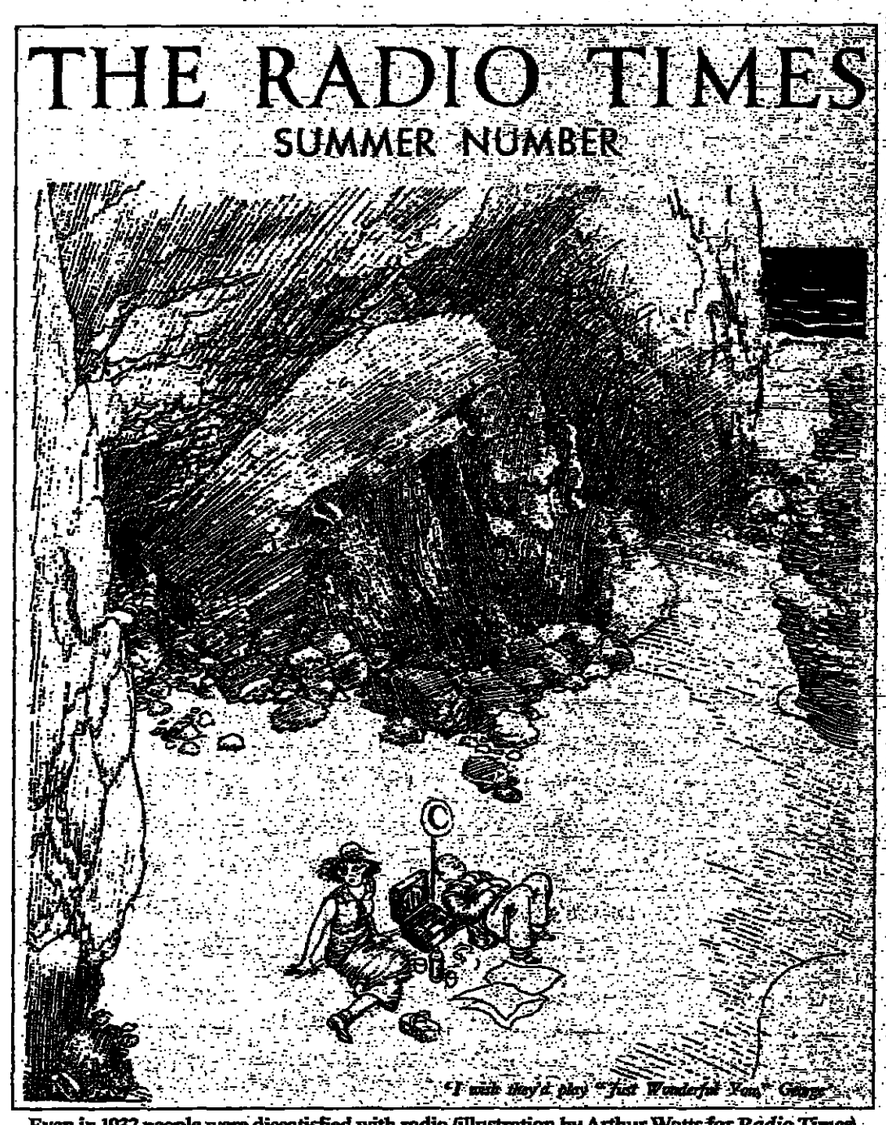
But what I cannot tolerate are the advertisements. Radio ads obey McLuhan's dictum. They are hot. They cannot be ignored as television ad can, by turning away or clicking the sound off for the duration. They are insistent and, when repeated, maddening.

On Classic FM, they are also dreadful. I was on the brink of switching my phone account from BT to Mercury when I heard the latter's infantile sales pitch. How could a company that treats its market like retarded six-year-olds possibly run something as complex as a telephone exchange? I swear I shall never buy a Multi-York sofa or consign my savings to a plummy-voiced "member of Lautro and Imro". Nor is a good cause redeemed by the cheap sentimentality of the NSPCC, RSPCA and Shelter promotions.

I am told advertising agencies give radio ads to juniors to produce. They sound like it. Star copywriters and directors go for television, striving to be Hugh Hudson or Ridley Scott. Upper-class accents indicate reassurance and honesty, working-class ones imply idiocy or cunning. Last month, a sublime sequence of Grieg, Mozart and Bruch was plunged into utter bathos by a Barbadian tourist advertisement from Brian Johnson and Garfield Sobers. Their wooden script carried not the slightest conviction.

Classic FM may need all the money it can get, but the good American classical stations, Chicago's WFMT or Washington's WGMS, carry calm, informative ads in keeping with the dignity of the music round them. Classic FM constantly drives me back to Radio 3. The station may boast 4½ million listeners a week, but half of them must lunge for the off button when the ads come on.

The truth is plainly that my musical taste is unmet. Up there in the radiophonic ether, the free market has failed me. Until the coming of designer radio, of my personal Radio Schubert, I shall be an unsatisfied niche. I shall spin my dial to eternity.



Even in 1932 people were dissatisfied with radio (illustration by Arthur Watts for *Radio Times*)

Simon Jenkins

Partying is such sweet sorrow

MATTHEW BOND DIARY

"DARLING! You made it, how lovely to see you. Happy New Year and all that. Mwaa, mwaa. Come in quickly — it's colder than Bondi Beach on Christmas Day out there. That's right, just throw your coat in there and let me get you a drink."

I blanch at the prospect, but it goes unnoticed. "We've gin, whisky, vodka . . . there's some white wine somewhere, but it's not really the right day for that . . . or perhaps you'd like some of Gerald's punch. We got the recipe on our last skiing holiday, the secret's in the cloves apparently . . . Are you all right? You've gone quite pale."

"No really, I'm fine," I lie. "But could I just start off with a glass of fizzy mineral water please."

"Oh come on. Don't give me all that natural Nineties nonsense. Terribly l'année passée. Haven't you read the latest research from Oxford? Apparently none of you chaps are drinking anything like enough to stay healthy. This man, Doll I think his name is, says you all ought to be sinking about 30 units a week to stay in trim. So, what it'll be?"

Mentally, I mount a quick recount of the night before, groaning silently at the total. "And what does your man Doll have to say about 30 units a day?"

My hostess may not have the mostest, but she does have a kind heart. "I think he'd say how about a nice fizzy mineral water. I'll get you one."

She returns and as I rehydrate, we review the assembled crowd together. "Slightly thinner on the ground aren't we this year?" I enquire. "One or two familiar faces missing. Where's Gerald?"

"Oh he's up in the attic, playing with his train set. Virtually keeps it under lock and key these days and I'm banned from entering altogether. As if I'd want his silly trains. Not as if they're worth anything, is it. Is it?"

Quickly, I change the subject. "And the twins, how are they getting on at their new boarding school. Somewhere in north Wales?"

"Yes, and they love it. More importantly, so do we — one-to-one tuition and 90-day terms. As for the school trips . . . well that's why they're not here. At this moment Ronald is half way down the Nile, while Reginald, bless him, is getting in some early skiing — in Klosters, I think."

"So is it one of these new selective grammar schools that John Patten seems so keen on? One of the vocational ones?"

"You could call it that . . ." This time my hostess changes the subject. "Emily, will you stop pulling the arms off John Major! Goodness, I never thought I'd find myself missing those neutered teenage turtles, or whatever they were. But we're ll now and what do we want? John Major dolls, apparently. I mean it can't be healthy."

An angel passes. We both laugh.

"Lovely music you've got playing. Haydn isn't it?"

She pauses to listen. "No, I don't think so."

"No, on second thoughts, perhaps it isn't." I try again. "So how's your mother? Can't see her walking frame anywhere. She's not . . ?"

"No, don't be silly, she'll be down in a minute. She's in her bedroom — breast-feeding." What's left of my mineral water hits everyone within five yards.

"Yes, it was a bit of a shock. We all thought she'd run off to Italy on a flush of HRT, you know to find herself a toyboy. We never thought she'd come back with one five days old, shouting 'meet your baby brother'. I mean, he's 46 years younger than I am. I'm feeling quite rejected." Her bottom lip quivers. Time for some chivalry.

"I think I'm ready for that drink. Shall I get us a couple of large Scotches?" She nods. The whisky performs its usual miracle and my hostess smiles again as she catches the direction of my gaze. "Ah, cousin Jo from Arkansas. Bit of a stunner, isn't she? But frankly you don't stand a chance — she's been on that phone murmuring sweet nothings ever since she got here. Talk about a hotline. Mind you she did pass on a great tip about what to do with those tacky undies Gerald keeps giving me for Christmas. Says a good friend told her about it. You give them to charity and then claim the cost back against tax. And, here's the clever part, who's to say they weren't all from Janet Reger?"

I gaze further round the room. This time it's the Scotch that goes flying. "Good heavens, that old chap in all the ermine looks just like Arthur, your gardener."

"Sssh, he'll hear you. It is Arthur the gardener. A few of us thought it would be nice to get him something for his 75th birthday, you know a sit-down mower or something. Then someone had the bright idea of seeing if we could get him a BEM. So we all write off to Downing Street and blow me if they don't make him a life peer. Come on, let me introduce you to Lord Jones of Coldframe . . ."

UNNATURAL CHILDBIRTH

Moral disquiet over designer babies would not make good law

The main purpose of medicine is to interfere with nature: to prevent the sick from dying, to correct the defects of those born with disabilities, and to slow the "natural" process of attrition which produces failing health in the old. New forms of medical intervention almost always produce disquiet. But in most contexts it is now accepted that the legitimate business of doctors and medical researchers is to circumvent or thwart the given order of things. So how disturbing should the latest developments in genetic engineering be? Certainly, the cases dominating the headlines seem to go beyond the bounds of medically necessary intercession.

In Rome, a black woman was implanted — at her own request — with the egg of a white woman and gave birth to a Caucasian child. She and her white husband chose this option for social reasons in what they considered to be the child's own interests. The fact that a black mother is choosing to produce children whose colour will be different from her own need not be a matter for concern — except perhaps to black pride activists who see it as a form of defeatism. In Britain, the Bourn Hall Clinic in Cambridge has declared itself prepared to perform a similar implant of a white egg in a black woman, but only because no black eggs are available.

Contrary to the views of politically correct social workers, there should be no objection to black parents raising white or mixed race children (or vice versa), whether those children are adopted or conceived through insemination. However, racial differences between mother and child do serve to bring the revolutionary concept of "genetic dematching" into focus. A couple choosing in advance the physical attributes of itsprospective child seems to involve a principle even more morally contentious than racial awareness or straightforward infertility treatment.

What is being encouraged here is s deliberate flouting of nature. Where once the donors of egg and sperm were matched as closely as possible to the genetic profile of the prospective parents so as to emulate a natural result, the very opposite is now being practised. Parents may be allowed to pick from an array of attributes or characteristics whatever combination of genetic traits appeal to them. They are free to compose a human being of their own design which, in the normal biological course of events, they could not have produced.

There are good reasons why this notion strikes so many people as unsavoury. One is that it smacks of consumerism — of babies being custom-made to order, like a luxury artefact. That this service will probably only be avaliable to the rich for the foreseeable future adds to the fear of decadence: that babies might come to seem like toys whose features will be determined by cosmetic or whimsical considerations.

Even more disturbing are the Faustian implications. Medicine has tended to concentrate on forestalling death and relieving suffering. Sometimes it acts to end a potential life through abortion. But it now seems to be in the business of creating lives that could not otherwise have existed, and to be doing so on the basis of customer demand.

But vague ethical unease does not produce good law. Doctors may feel the need of professional guidelines; individual patients should certainly be carefully questioned — as propective adopters are — about their motivations. But the having and raising of children is too intimate a part of life to be regulated by the blunt instrument of the law. No legislation could be framed to deal with the nuances and complexities of parental desire in a way which did not travesty them. This is a fit matter for public debate but it can be resolved only by private conscience.

THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS

The secrets of Macmillan's *annus horribilis*

The year 1963 has entered national legend as one of turbulent political drama and radical cultural change. It was the year of the Profumo scandal, of Harold Macmillan's sensational resignation and Kennedy's assassination. But it was also the year of the Beatles' first LP in which, according to Philip Larkin, "sexual intercourse began" and the old order seemed to yield to iconoclastic youth. Today, many of its best kept secrets enter the public domain under the 30-year rule; rarely has the annual deposit of classified government files in the Public Record Office been so eagerly awaited.

From this new archive emerge the nervous deliberations of a punch-drunk government lurching towards defeat, battered by scandal and riddled with intrigue. The partial ban on nuclear testing orchestrated by Macmillan in August was a remarkable achievement indeed; and it may be, as his official biographer has claimed, that the ageing prime minister would have survived the political traumas of 1963 to win the next election had he not been felled by his prostate gland in October. Yet there is little evidence in these files of political confidence or long-term strategic thinking.

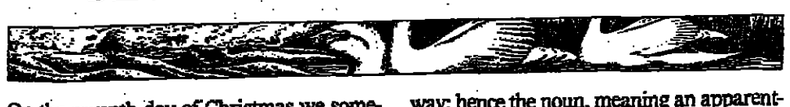
After nearly seven years in power, Macmillan's arthritic administration increasingly took refuge in daydreams such as a grand anti-Communist alliance with the Vatican and a breakaway European community which would exclude the perfidious French. The fall of John Profumo appears to have caught the Cabinet completely off guard. The files reveal its deep concern that four senior ministers had compromised themselves by advising the embattled War Minister to deny the charges against him in the Commons. At the high point of the scandal, ministers and officials could barely contain their anger with the security services for failing to alert Macmillan to the brewing scandal earlier.

The scandal has often been described as the symbolic death throes of an Establishment in moral and political decay. This was certainly how Labour, now led by a technocrat in a Gannex mac, wished it to be seen. Yet Profumo was scarcely the first powerful man in British public life to taste the forbidden pleasures of the bohemian underworld. What changed in 1963 was the attitude of the press to such indiscretions and its willingness to collude in official concealment. The drive for open government which is now transforming the PRO's disclosure rules has its roots in 1963.

Two of Macmillan's files on Profumo have been withheld from the public for further review and another closed indefinitely. But, to its credit, the government has released the majority of the relevant material, a disclosure which would have been unthinkable ten years ago. Much more disappointing is the decision to withhold so many of the files concerning security in 1963.

This was an inglorious period in the history of the intelligence services which were still reeling from the uncovering of the Cambridge spy ring and the treachery of W. John Vassall. For historians of Whitehall and espionage, the blank spaces in the catalogues will be a sore regret. Though it is conceivable that there is a limited amount of sensitive operational information in these documents, it is hard to believe that the national interest is best served by blanket secrecy so long after the event. The extraordinary history of 1963 will be incomplete until much more is known of these secret files which still gather dust in the locked cupboard of officialdom.

SEVEN SWANS A-SWIMMING



On the seventh day of Christmas we somehow have to make hissing house-room for those misunderstood birds, the swans. In spite of the legend that they sing, swans, apart from the exotic *Cygnus musicus* which whistles tunelessly, are mute. They hiss in anger or fear. Their limited vocabulary extends to a trumpeting grunt and growls. Their name, unchanged from Old English, means "sounder", cognate with "sound", "sonnet" and "assonance". But swans' only song is the strange soughing of their wings as they fly. Above water they may glide around in a stately way, but below the surface those webbed feet are paddling powerfully, fast — and purposefully.

So poets must have been called swans for their rarity and beauty rather than their way with words. Ben Jonson called Shakespeare the swan of Avon, and Shakespeare fortified the myth by having Emilia in *Othello* say, just before she dies: "I will play the swan, and die in music." Coleridge supported the legend, attacking poetasters of his time: "Swans sing before they die; 'twere no bad thing/ Did certain persons die before they sing." In English metaphor, Homer is the swan of Meander, Virgil the swan of Mantua, and other more obscure poetic swans come from places with nothing in the way of water.

Another slander on swans comes from the new use of "to swan" as a verb meaning to move about freely in an apparently aimless way: hence the noun, meaning an apparently aimless excursion, made for reconnaissance or pleasure. Real swans rarely move about without aim. The orthodox explanation, given by all etymological dictionaries high and low, is that this is tank slang from the desert campaign in the Second World War. For example, Viscount Montgomery, 1946: "A recurrence of what was then known in the Eighth Army as the 'annual swan' between Egypt and El Agheila."

It is not normally the role of editorials to correct etymology, or to defend swans, who can hiss for themselves. But the libel on swans as feckless wanderers is older than Alamein. It goes back to the Eighth Hussars in Egypt in 1935, when a rich young subaltern rode his polo ponies on too lose a rein, so that their heads hung down in an uncollected way, like swans. General Sir John Hackett, the scholar soldier, and others are still here to support this private and persuasive derivation.

Swans may seldom wander without purpose, but swanning around for no particular reason, the modern version of visiting Bunbury, is an admirable innovation. The young do it in their "gap" year between school and what comes after. Wandering with a hungry heart and an inquisitive eye is better than the daily grind of routine. Swans may not be the best role models for this, or for song, but they are stuck with it. Especially at this time of year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Infertility and the older woman

From Professor Ian Craft

Sir, Surely it was only the dearth of major news this Christmas that resulted in such media preoccupation with the 59-year-old woman's successful birth of twins [reports, December 27, 28, 29, 30, 31]. Its very profusion may in part have been due to the court order obtained by the parents to prevent media identification of what, for them, was a private arrangement with their medical advisers.

The extraordinarily disparaging and pontifical remarks from government officials, religious leaders and doctors (including some fertility specialists) clamoured for yet more government controls.

However, Simon Jenkins's perceptive article, "Only the parents can decide" (December 29), redresses the balance, pointing out the increasingly restrictive role played by central government in different aspects of interpersonal relationships, including the ability to procreate.

Perhaps the public are unaware that infertile women over the age of 40 wishing to have a child are being positively discriminated against, since they are now less likely to be successful, because of controls imposed on clinicians, than they were six years ago, when more flexible codes of practice were in operation. The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority now insists that only three eggs/embryos are used with assisted conception treatment.

The rationale for this imposition was to minimise the risk of multiple pregnancy but the philosophy was flawed from the outset because older women have a low risk of multiple pregnancy when using their own eggs. This is not so if donor eggs from younger women are used for treatment, as the current case illustrates.

We do not need more governmental controls — rather the converse. Clinicians need to be able to treat couples individually, to maximise their chances of having a single child. So let us not have an overreaction to a rare event by imposing an upper age limit.

One of the most worrying features of this recent outburst, to my mind, is the overt hypocrisy generated. The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys indicates that natural births do occur for women in their fifties, albeit infrequently, and most would support the right of the individual who requests termination of an unwanted natural pregnancy at that age. Why then is it such a national disaster for a couple to have a desired child?

What right have we to suggest that other governments should follow our recommendations when our own law allows late termination of pregnancy irrespective of a woman's age and there is no statute law to prevent conception?

It would be better if critics had, like Simon Jenkins, shown compassion, even if they had understandable concerns.

Yours faithfully,
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Private matters

From Mr J. A. Leavey

Sir, Where, in his article on the 59-year-old mother of twins, Simon Jenkins ("Only the parents can decide", December 29) offers the angry challenge, "What business is this of anyone else's?", a small light appears at the end of a long tunnel.

A journalist is challenging the right of critical interference in the "business" of an individual and since this is what your industry relies upon for much of your daily copy, it is to be welcomed.

Of course, the light will be quickly blown out but it was a moment of surprise and delight that such an uncharacteristic thought had occurred, even momentarily, to one of those who so regularly criticise the decisions, choices and private business of others.

Yours sincerely,
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December 29.

Time out of mind

From Professor Gerald Hendrie

Sir, I recently received a mailshot asking whether I thought my household insurance premium too high and inviting me to fill in a pro forma. A bonus was offered for its return by a certain date.

Since my premium, recently renewed, had risen by over 20 per cent this year (I had made no claim) I did indeed feel that I might be paying too much. The bonus looked attractive, too.

Unfortunately the mailshot was from my own insurers and the closing date for the bonus preceded that on the letterhead by several days. Could a connection exist between the higher premium and the cost of unnecessary and unworkable mailshots?

Yours sincerely,
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Scientists' view of stars and miracles

From the Astronomer Royal

Sir, In his article of December 27, "Miracle-working for beginners", William Rees-Mogg describes the Bishop of Durham as "truly silly": he then goes on to describe miracles which were claimed to have happened some 850 years ago. I would have thought that David Jenkins's arguments deserved better treatment than that.

I go along with Rees-Mogg that science gives only an imperfect account of the nature of life and our own role in the universe. Many scientists are, in fact, not unhappy with the existence of a God of some form: but Revelation, by way of the appearance of a "human being" — Christ in the Christian version — creates difficulties.

Our knowledge of science has evolved with the passage of time, but many would deny the possibility of evolution in our knowledge of the early days of Christianity. This is where Bishop Jenkins comes in by endeavouring to make the case — a strong case — for stripping away many of the so-called miracles associated with Christ's ministry. The "star of Bethlehem" is a case in point — stars just don't behave in the manner claimed.

The media seem willing only to publicise the utterances of those who step out of line. We must hope, then, that, after the Bishop of Durham's well-earned retirement, other bishops will continue his efforts to support the evolution of Christian belief.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr Seweryn Chomet

Sir, As I understand him, the Bishop of Durham finds that Christian mythology helps him in his belief in God. Your columnist, William Rees-Mogg, who describes Professor Jenkins as "silly", believes that a 12th-century mystic called Wulfric "fed countless people on half a loaf" and performed a variety of other miracles.

Few of your readers will have much difficulty, on this evidence, in deciding who is the sillier of the two: the bishop or the columnist.

Yours faithfully,
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The royal family's working year

From Mr Tim O'Donovan

Sir, I have carried out a survey of the official engagements performed by the royal family during 1993, as reported in the Court Circular:

	A	B	C	D	E
The Queen	166	84	300	550	13
Duke of Edinburgh	175	134	32	341	53
Queen Mother	34	19	15	68	0
Prince of Wales	195	78	117	390	34
Princess of Wales	140	31	27	198	14
Duke of York	32	15	9	56	11
Prince Edward	115	85	38	238	61
Princess Royal	265	90	99	454	38
Princess Margaret	94	24	5	123	6
Duke of Gloucester	88	27	15	130	15
Duchess of Gloucester	101	21	7	129	2
Duke of Kent	146	40	31	217	29
Duchess of Kent	164	42	14	220	16
Princess Alexandra	100	27	13	140	17

A Official visits, opening ceremonies and other engagements
B Receptions, lunches, dinners and banquets
C Other engagements, including investitures, meetings attended and audiences given
D Total number of engagements in the United Kingdom
E Number of days spent travelling abroad on official tours.

On official tours abroad the Queen carried out 102 engagements: the Duke of Edinburgh carried out 240, the Prince of Wales 162, the Princess of Wales 70, the Duke of York 53, Prince Edward 231 and the Princess Royal 119.

The following members of the royal family carried out significantly more engagements in the UK and abroad than in 1992: the Queen (64 more than in 1992), the Prince of Wales (92), Prince Edward (52), the Duchess of Kent (70). The Duke of York's official engagements are necessarily reduced, due to his duties as a serving officer in the Royal Navy.

Yours faithfully,
TIM O'DONOVAN,
Mariners, The Avenue,
Datchet, Berkshire.
December 31.

Damage at Windsor

From Mr John Harris

Sir, Although it is some time since your architectural correspondent reported (December 13) the grave damage done by workmen to medieval wall paintings in King John's Tower, Windsor Castle, still no explanation has been offered by the Royal Works Directorate.

This is most disturbing, not only for many concerned historians and archaeologists, but also because we now know that this incident has been a well kept secret for a year.

Mr Michael Peat, who heads the directorate, should surely make a prompt statement on the exact extent of the damage, and assure us that in future works of this nature will be constantly monitored by historians. He should urgently refute rumours that even graver damage has been done elsewhere in the castle.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN HARRIS
(President,
International Confederation of
Architectural Museums),
16 Limerston Street, SW10.
December 24.

Expatriates' pensions

From Mr M. J. Thomas

Sir, In spite of economic problems the Government claims to care about pensioners. Why then is it doing nothing about the anomaly whereby more than 340,000 expatriate British OAPs have their pensions frozen at the level applying when they emigrated?

Parents of British emigrants often wish to spend their retirement near their children and grandchildren. Some who are now 90 or more receive pensions of less than £3 a week and even those who emigrated in the 1980s get less than half the pension now paid here. There are well over 100,000 each in Canada and Australia and more than 30,000 each in New Zealand and South Africa.

It is argued that the annual adjustments are linked to the UK rate of inflation, which is not relevant abroad. Then why are the annual increases paid to 235,000 British pensioners living in European Union countries, the US and elsewhere? Why are they paid in Jamaica but not in Trinidad?

If it is a question of reciprocal arrangements, surely the Government could explore the possibility of extending these. The Australian government has shown interest but our own says that it would cost far too much to change the system. In that case could there not be at least some partial concession?

I know of elderly couples who have had to abandon hope of joining their families in Canada and Australia because of this injustice, though they have contributed to National Insurance all their working lives. If nothing else moves the Government except financial considerations it might reflect that these people will almost certainly add in time to the demands on the NHS and social services in the UK.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. THOMAS,
Ger-y-Coed, Capel Coch,
Llangefni, Gwynedd.
December 29.

Diminishing the City

From Mr M. Henderson-Begg

Sir, The new Lord Mayor of London has been denied a knighthood upon his appointment (report, October 22) and the closure of St Bartholomew's Hospital casualty department has been announced (report, December 16). The Post Office has rejected repeated requests from and at the highest level to issue special commemorative postage stamps in 1994 to mark the tercentenary of the Bank of England, the world's second oldest central bank, and the centenary of the opening of Tower Bridge, the landmark which perhaps more than any other epitomises the capital, and indeed the country, in the eyes of visitors and tourists alike.

Is this really the way for the Government to treat the City of London, without whose contribution the nation's balance of payments would have been some £19 billion the poorer last year?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HENDERSON-BEGG,
66 Westbury Road,
New Malden, Surrey.

Tory help for Bush

From Sir John Lacy

Sir, In your issue of December 22 references were made (reports and leading article) to the Conservatives' help for President Bush in the 1992 US election campaign, and how this could have damaged the special Anglo-American relationship.

As one of those who accepted an invitation from the Bush campaign team to advise them on their election strategy, I reiterate that this was a personal invitation and whilst I went with the knowledge of the Conservative Party chairman, in no way was I representing the Conservative Party.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN LACY
(General Director of Party
Campaigning, Conservative Central
Office, 1989-92),
18 Windmill Close,
Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire.
December 24.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

Time to break our holiday habits?

From Mr John F. Martin

Sir, Spending Christmas in California, weather apart, is much the same as spending it in England. There are the same religious and secular festivities and shops and the media are heavily Christmas-orientated.

There is, however, a major difference: Christmas Day itself is the only holiday and Monday was not a holiday to compensate for Christmas falling on a Saturday. Boxing Day and New Year's Day are not holidays.

Thus, effectively, over the period there is no interference to production and commercial activity. Indeed, on Christmas Day the local daily paper here was published and delivered. By contrast, in England three working weeks are effectively disrupted. Surely it is worthy of Monty Python that New Year's Day is celebrated on January 3, ensuring that the year's first working week is reduced to four days.

Britain's GNP is inevitably reduced as a result of this period of inactivity, at a time when there is serious concern for the nation's deficit on overseas trade ["Long holiday break could cost £5bn in lost production", report, December 30]. Surely it is time for British public holidays to be reduced or abolished to reflect changing times and possibly for the labour force to be given an extra five days' annual holiday by way of compensation.

Yours truly,
JOHN F. MARTIN,
120 Bridgeside Circle,
Danville, California 94526.
December 29.

From Mrs A. Craine

Sir, Why does the entire country shut down for at least a week? Why, oh why, is there no public transport on Christmas Day, and only minimal transport on Boxing Day? Why are all museums closed? Who makes these decisions and thereby condemns millions of people to a hellish holiday?

As a Canadian, living here for the past five years, I am utterly bemused by such a Christmas. In Canada we pay employees double time to work these days and thousands choose to do so, thereby ensuring a "public" Christmas and the continuation of real life.

I am aware that one shouldn't be caught dead in London at Christmas. Country hotels and country houses, we are told, throb with guests and hilarity, horses, dogs, real wood fires and so on. What is there for the working family in the cities but mindless hours of TV in little rooms, or a sodden walk down the street in the rain?

Is this a plot by the "upper" classes to keep the poor in their dreary place? Are modest-income families not supposed to enjoy Christmas?

Yours faithfully,
ANNE CRAINE,
Flat 2, 32 Connaught Square, W2.
December 24.

Sunday trading

From Mr John R. Sharp

Sir, One cannot argue with Sir Nicholas Fairbairn's subjective view (letter, December 27) about whether or not Sunday can be regarded as special, but when it comes to the question of opening hours generally, his assertion of "humbug" is no substitute for logic.

The argument about when goods and services should be available should start from the principle of whether or not they are necessarily used at the time of delivery.

There are usually alternatives to the delivery of a three-piece suite or a garden shed at 10.30pm on a Sunday. There is no such choice on whether or not to have energy for the freezer or the central heating delivered at that time.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN R. SHARP,
55 Twining Brook Road,
Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Cheshire.
December 28.

Sound bites

From Mr Bevis Brock

Sir, Bats in the belfry are an accepted part of church life, but mice in the organ must be unusual.

In the rural church of which I am a churchwarden, I was recently dismayed to find that seven of the black notes of the organ had been almost entirely demolished by mice, leaving a mound of shredded ebony over the keyboard. The ivories were untouched.

Assuming that the nutritional value of rather aged ebony is almost nil, I would be fascinated to know the motivation for this strangely selective diet. Is the current trend to mindless violence spreading to the rodent population?

Yours faithfully,
BEVIS BROCK,
Willow Cottage, Burcombe,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
December 29.

Cleanliness for all

From Mrs Michael Tayler

Sir, As a postcript to Christmas our home has a new definition of ecumenical: Anglican and Catholic altar linen in the washing machine together.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA TAYLER,
The Old Parsonage, Aust, Bristol.
Boxing Day.

SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays

New Year's Day: Dr Jack Birks, company chairman, 74; Lord Colwyn, 52; Sir James Crane, former HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, 73; Sir John Dick, QC, 74; Mr John Fuller, novelist, 57; Professor Dame June Lloyd, paediatrician, 66; Sir Albert McQuarrie, former MP, 76; Dr James Merriman, former chairman, National Computing Centre, 79; Mr James Moorhouse, MEP, 70; Colonel P.A. Porteous, VC, 76; Sir Christopher Prout, QC, MEP, 52; Mrs Patience Purdy, president, National Council of Women of Great Britain, 65; Professor R.A. Raphael, chemist, 73; Mr Lawrence Rowe, cricketer, 45; Mr J.D. Salinger, author, 75; Lord Swansea, 69.

Tomorrow: Mr David Bailey, photographer, 56; Mr N.H. Baring, chairman, Commercial Union Assurance, 60; Sir Richard Bayliss, physician, 77; Mr Leopold Brook, former chairman, Simon Engineering, 82; Mr Christopher Campbell, chairman, British Shipbuilders, 58; the Duke of Devonshire, 74; Professor Sir Kingsley Dunham, geologist, 84; Mr Walter Harrison, former MP, 73; Miss Hilary Heilbron, QC, 45; Sir Michael Hirst, former MP, 48; Mr Doug McAvoy, trades unionist, 55; Mr Piers Merchant, MP, 43; Lord Nelson of Stafford, 77; Mr D.B. Patullo, governor and group chief executive, Bank of Scotland, 56; Sir Charles Reece, chemist, 67; Mr Edmund de Rothschild, merchant banker, 78; the Earl of St Germans, 53; Air Marshal Sir Ernest Sidey, 81; Sir Keith Thomas, president, British Academy, 61; Dame Rachel Waterhouse, former chairman, Consumers' Association, 71; the Right Rev Kenneth Woollcombe, former Bishop of Oxford, 70.



The composer Sir Michael Tippett is 89 tomorrow

Universities

Queen's, Belfast

Distinctions

Peter Toner, Musgrave Professor of Pathology, has been appointed Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Pathology*.

Ingrid Allen, Professor of Neuropathology, has been elected Vice-President of the Royal College of Pathologists.

Janet Trewsdale, Lecturer in Economics, has been appointed to the Northern Ireland Economic Council, for four years.

John Rooney, Professor of Catalytic Chemistry, has been awarded the F.G. Ciapetta Lectureship in Catalysis by the Catalysis Society of North America.

Professor Rex Catchcart, Assistant Director of the School of Education, has been elected a Fellow of the Psychological Society of Ireland.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Whitla Professor of Therapeutics and Pharmacology Robin Shanks has been elected President of the Ulster Medical Society for 1993-4.

Member of Senate, and the University's former Senior Medical Officer, Dr Robin Harland, is to be installed as a Fellow of the Institute of Sports Medicine at a ceremony in the Royal College of Surgeons in London.

Professor of Software Engineering Ron Perrott has been invited to join the United Kingdon's Information Technology Advisory Board (ITAB).

Professor of Palaeoecology Michael Baillie has been elected as a co-recipient of the Pomerance Award of the Archaeological Institute of America for scientific contributions to archaeology.

The title of Professor Emeritus has been conferred on Dr Ronald Buchanan, Professor of Irish Geography from 1985 to 1993; Dr John Cronin, Professor of English from 1981 to 1993; and Dr Lewis Warren, Professor of Modern History from 1973 to 1993.

The title of Honorary Lecturer in the School of Clinical Medicine has been conferred on Dr J C Dornan, Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the Royal Victoria and Royal Maternity Hospitals; Dr B A Stevens, Consultant in Occupational Medicine in the Royal Hospitals Trust; Dr H McA Taggart, Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine in the Belfast City Hospital; and Dr M Y Walsh, Consultant Histopathologist with special interest in Dermatopathology, in the Royal Victoria and Belfast City Hospitals.

Anniversaries this weekend

Today

BIRTHS: Lorenzo de Medici (The Magnificent), Florence, 1449; Huldreich Zwingli, Swiss reformer, Wildhaus, 1484; Katherine Philips, poet, London, 1631; Paul Revere, American patriot, Boston, Massachusetts, 1735; Arthur Hugh Clough, poet, Liverpool, 1819; Sir James Frazer, anthropologist, Glasgow, 1854; Henry Handel Richardson (pen-name of Ethel Florence Lindesay), novelist, Melbourne, 1870; E.M. Forster, novelist, London, 1879; William Fox, film producer, Hungary, 1879; Martin Niemoller, anti-Nazi priest, Lippstadt, Germany, 1892; J. Edgar Hoover, founder of the FBI, Washington, 1895; H.A.R. (Kim) Philby, British double agent, Ambala, India, 1911; Jack de Manio, broadcaster, 1914.

DEATHS: William Wycherley, dramatist, London, 1716; James Francis Edward Stuart, the "Old Pretender", Rome, 1766; Johann Christian Bach, composer, London, 1732; Heinrich Hertz, physicist, Bonn, 1894; Sir Edwin Luyens, architect, London, 1944; Maurice Chevalier, actor and singer, Paris, 1972; John Aloysius Costello, Prime Minister of Ireland 1948-51 and 1954-57, 1976.

The Daily Universal Register (renamed *The Times* on January 1, 1788) was founded, 1785.

Act of Union between Great Britain and Ireland came into force, 1801.

The Commonwealth of Australia was established with Edmund Barton as prime minister, 1901.

Farthing ceased to be legal tender, 1961.

Britain entered the Common Market, 1973.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Thomas Yalden, poet, Oxford, 1669; James Wolfe, general and conqueror of Quebec, Westerham, Kent, 1727; Gilbert Murray, scholar, Sydney, New South Wales, 1866; Count Folke Bernadotte, UN mediator, Stockholm, 1895.

DEATHS: Ovid, poet, Tomi, on the Black Sea, 17AD; Johann Kaspar Lavater, physiognomist and poet, Zurich, 1801; Fabian Bellingshausen, Polar explorer, Russia, 1852; Eleanor Rathbone, social reformer, London, 1946; Edna May, actress, 1948.

The Académie Française was founded by Cardinal Richelieu, 1635.

Sir Joshua Reynolds became the first president of the Royal Academy, which opened this day, 1769.

The Soviets launched *Luna 1*, the first unmanned space rocket to pass close to the Moon, 1959.

66 people were killed when a barrier collapsed at Ibrox Park football ground, Glasgow, 1971.

SIMON WALKER



David Pede, 10, takes charge of a miniature tram at the International Model Engineer and Modelling Exhibition which opened in London yesterday for a week. The tram tracks run round the gallery of the Grand Hall, Olympia

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.W. Benson and Miss H.C. Hindler
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Neil Benson, and Hazel, daughter of Mrs Helga Hindler and Mr Eric Hindler.

Mr J.E. Clarke and Miss V.R. Howells
The engagement is announced between James Edmund, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Clarke, of Nettleden, Hertfordshire, and Victoria, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs David Howells, of Sutton Coldfield.

M S.M. Clayette and Miss S.P. Crowe
The engagement is announced between Stéphane, son of M and Mme Michel Clayette, of Orléans, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Crowe, of Beckenham, Kent.

Mr E.H.C. Davis and Miss I. Greenop
The engagement is announced between Edward, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roger Davis, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, and Lynn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Greenop, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr S.H. Heaton Nicholls and Miss E.J.H. Turner
The engagement is announced between Stephen, third son of the Rev Byron and Mrs Heaton Nicholls, of Scunthorpe, and Jane, elder daughter of the late Nicolas Turner and of Mrs Susan Turner, of Pimlico, London.

Mr A.C. Hunt and Dr A.E.M. Shell
The engagement is announced between Arnold, younger son of Dr and Mrs Bryan Hunt, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Shell. Both families are of Hendon, London.

Mr P.E. Inkster and Miss J.E. Goodyear
The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mrs K. Inkster, of Hawley, Surrey, and Mr N.E. Inkster, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.F. Goodyear, of Milford on Sea, Hampshire.

Captain N.J. O'Brien and Miss K.F. McVey
The engagement is announced between Captain Nicholas James O'Brien, The Light Infantry, eldest son of Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs R.P. O'Brien, of Greenwich, London, and Karen Frances, second daughter of Mr and Mrs K.W.H. McVey, of St George's Hill, Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr J.R. Pattison and Miss L.M. Curd
The engagement is announced between John Richard, son of Mr and Mrs J.B. Pattison, of Standish, Lancashire, and Louise Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.W. Curd, of Camberley, Surrey.

Mr C.L. Want and Miss E. Jacobsen
The engagement is announced from the United States, between Christopher Ian, only son of Derek and Norma Want, of Howells Farm, Weston, Hertfordshire, and Elisa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Bert Jacobsen, of Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr A.K. Ward and Miss R.F. Kinloch
The engagement is announced between Ashley, younger son of Mr Keith Ward, of Loxwood, West Sussex, and Mrs Robin Ward, of Lutton, South Lincolnshire, and Rachel, younger daughter of Mr Colin Kinloch, of Tenterden, Kent, and Mrs Claire Kinloch, of Sedlescombe, East Sussex.

Mr H.A. Wesemael and Miss F.C. Hair
The engagement is announced between Hugo, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Daniel Wesemael, of Swindon, Wiltshire, and Lyn, daughter of the late Mr Bart Hair and of Mrs J. Hair, of Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

Mr A.J.M. Wickham and Miss G.D. Cumberland-Brown
The engagement is announced between Anthony John MacArthur, elder son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel P.A.B. Wickham and of Mrs David Mure, of Pluckley, Kent, and Georgina Dimity, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Cumberland-Brown, of Perth, Western Australia.

Mr R.S.B. Williams and Miss G.E. Schlich
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs R.B. Williams, of Belfast, and Gillian, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Schlich, of Uppingham, Rutland.

Marriages

Captain C.R. Renwick and Mrs J.A. Lyles
A service of blessing was held yesterday at St Andrew's, Bolam, Northumberland, after the marriage of Captain Charles Renwick, eldest son of Sir Richard and Lady Renwick, of Whalton House, Whalton, Morpeth, Northumberland, to Mrs Jane Ann Lyles, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Bush, of Holly Farm, Wendling, Norfolk. Canon W. Alder Gofton officiated.

Mr V. Hope and Miss A. Forster
The marriage took place on December 31, 1993, at Gretna Green, of Vincent, younger son of Mr and Mrs Colin Hope, of Welford-on-Avon, Warwickshire, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stuart Ormston Forster, of Alnwick, Northumberland.

Mr M. Levey and Miss L. Coakley
Martin Levey and Lisa Coakley were married yesterday, quietly in Beverly Hills.

Mr K.D. McAllister and Mrs H.A. Clayton
The marriage took place on Wednesday, December 29, at Chelsea Register Office, followed by a blessing at the Church of Scotland in Paris, of Mr Kenneth McAllister and Mrs Hazel Clayton, of London.

Major J.A.N. Yarwood and Mrs D.S. Convery
The marriage took place on December 24, 1993, between Major John A.N. Yarwood, USAF, retd, of Pensacola, Florida, USA, and Mrs Denise S. Convery, of Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Art swap brings Soviet treasures to London

BY JOHN SHAW

SOME 300 antiquities from museums across the former Soviet Union are to go on show at the Royal Academy in London for the first time later this month thanks to an imaginative cultural swap.

It was arranged by George Ortiz, a millionaire art collector, between museum officials at 15 formerly Soviet institutions and their counterparts in Zurich.

Mr Ortiz, 66, who lives in Switzerland, is a member of the Patino family whose fortune originally came from Bolivian tin mining. He owns over a thousand antiquities, amassed over the past 45 years. It is one of the finest private collections in the world and covers 30 cultures from the neolithic age to the late Byzantine period.

Individual pieces have been lent to exhibitions since 1954 but the holding has never been shown in its entirety. However, 300 items went on view earlier this year in the first private loan exhibition at The Hermitage, St Petersburg.

Negotiations had taken six years to conclude and the show attracted 3,000 visitors a day. There was similar acclaim when it moved to the Pushkin Museum, Moscow.

For a return favour, Mr Ortiz persuaded museum officials in Kiev, the Ukraine and elsewhere to let him choose a similar group which went on view in an exchange exhibition in Zurich.

The spin-off helped foster cultural relations and also established new links between museums outside Moscow and the art world in Europe.

The Ortiz display now moves to London. It is one of the academy's two main winter shows and runs from January 20 to April 6. The art of ancient Greece is the centrepiece.

Lead poisoning blamed for Rome's fall

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

LEAD poisoning is not just the result of modern environmental pollution: two recent studies have shown that it affected the ancient Romans, and also an early African hominid some 200,000 years old. In the latter case the cause was naturally occurring lead in the local geology, while in the former it was the result of industrial extraction and processing of lead.

Ancient writers such as Pliny the Elder suggest that Roman industry may have exposed members of all classes to harmful amounts of lead: it has even been posited that lead poisoning caused the Emperor Caligula's madness by its toxic effects on his central nervous system.

The dramatic decline of the Roman aristocracy has been attributed to lead-caused infertility, and its susceptibility to gout and kidney disease, also caused by environmental lead. Some historians challenge these views as naïve or going beyond the evidence, but a survey by Dr. A. C. Aufderheide and his colleagues shows that the historians may themselves be guilty of simplification. A study of 20 archaeological population samples, spanning the 1,500-year period from 800 BC to AD 700, shows clear changes in bone lead content. "Populations prior to 200 BC incorporated no more lead than do modern North Americans," the researchers report in the *International Journal of Anthropology*, with less than 20 parts per million.

"Values during the Roman period are more than tenfold greater, and remain substantially elevated for about four centuries. It is apparent that the pattern parallels that of estimated world lead production, about 50 per cent of which was mined and smelted by Romans," they say.

The Romans were less interested in lead itself than in the silver that was included in galena, the principal ore of lead; the lead itself was used for water pipes, drinking and storage vessels, and other things that exposed people to it directly.

Coincidentally, Dr Antonis Bartsiokas of Liverpool University and Professor Michael Day of the Natural History Museum have carried out an analysis of the Broken Hill hominid from Zambia which suggests that he, too, suffered from lead poisoning. The skull, estimated to be 200,000 years old, is one of the earliest specimens of early *Homo sapiens* known from Africa.

The geology of the Broken Hill cave included galena, and the water supply "is likely to have been contaminated with lead carbonate up to a toxic level". The teeth and bones both showed probable evidence of lead poisoning.

Source: *International Journal of Anthropology* 7(2): 9-15; *Journal of Human Evolution* 24:243-249.



Caligula: lead poisoning may have caused madness

Air survey shows traces of Germany's ancient past

AERIAL archaeologists in Germany have found numerous early sites similar to those in Britain at the same periods (Norman Hammond writes). Photography carried out as far east as the Elbe, in former East Germany, has yielded evidence of Neolithic settlements, Iron Age funerary enclosures and Roman villas, the latter especially along the Mosel between Trier and Koblenz.

"Possibly the single most important site in this area is a 300-metre long cursus," said Mr James Pickering, who has been flying with the German aerial archaeologist Herr Otto Braasch.

The cursus, an elongated parallel-sided enclosure of unknown function, is similar to examples known from near Stonehenge and elsewhere in this country. "As far as I know, this is the first such recording outside Britain," Mr Pickering said.

PERSONAL COLUMN

Yet, to shame the wise, God has chosen what the world counts folly, and to shame what is strong God has chosen what the world counts weakness.
1 Corinthians 1:27 (REB)

BIRTHS

AINSCOUGH - On 30th December, to Alexandra (née Dick) and Paul, a son, Joseph Edward, a brother for Hugh.

BODEN - On 22nd Dec. to Jeanne (née Burrows) and David a son John Alexander Vetters a brother for Hugh.

CARTER - On Christmas Day, in Gibraltar, to Catherine (née Tyler) and Andrew, a son, Benjamin Harry Haswell, a brother for Catherine and Alice.

CLUFF - On 30th December, to Blondel and Algy, a son, Harold Gordon Macartney.

COLEBROOK-TAYLOR - On December 26th 1993 at 5am, to Amanda (née Smith) and Jeremy, a beautiful daughter, Hannah - 7lbs.

CUSSONS - On 19th November 1993 at Queen Mary's University Hospital, Roehampton, to Sheila (née Martin) and Peter, a daughter, Charlotte Alexandra.

DOUGHTY - On 24th December in Sydney to Penelope (née Barsby) and John, a daughter, Matilda Ursula Addison, a sister for Adelaide.

FIRTH - On 30th December to Amanda (née Marriott) and Andrew, a son, Edward Peter William.

FOX BENNETT - On 22nd December, to Ruth and Philip, a son, Thomas Philip Joseph, A brother for Patrick

GALLIFORD - On December 27th to Anna (née Nicholson) and Tim, a daughter, Fiona Isabella Anne, a sister for Oliver.

GNANASAKTHY - On December 24th at Heatherwood Hospital to Said and Setta, a daughter, Thurka, a sister for Kajan.

LEIGH-BRAMWELL - On December 28th, 1993, to Isabella (née Robb) and Brian, a son, William.

MYTHEN - On December 29 at University College London Hospitals, to Kate (née Ogden) and Michael (Monty), a son, Patrick James.

TOOMEY - On 29th December to Sarah (née Joynson) and Charles a son, Oliver Charles

WEDMORE - On 30th December 1993, to Elizabeth (née O'Brien) and Phillip, a daughter, a sister to Sarah, Caroline and Julia.

MARRIAGES

PINSENT-EATON - The marriage took place on August 23rd 1993, in Havana, Cuba between Miss Kate Eaton, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.G. Eaton, of Norwich and Señor Russel Pitabro Léan of Havana. From January 1994 they will be living in London.

DEATHS

BOOT - On 28th December, peacefully after a brave fight against cancer, Ralph, aged 47. Adored husband of Jane and father of Abigail, Hannah and Oliver at home surrounded by his family and friends. So very much loved and missed by all who knew him.

EASON - On Christmas Day, Ursula Vernon M.B.E. aged 85, very dearly loved sister, aunt and great aunt. One time Assistant Head of BBC Children's Television. Funeral service at St Anne's Church, Kew Green on Tuesday January 11th at 11.30am, followed by private cremation at Mortlake Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations please if wished to R.N.I.D. 105, Gower Street, London. WC1E 6AH

GORDON - On 30th December, peacefully at home after a short illness, in her 90th year, Elsie Mary (Jane) (née Harrap). Loving wife of the late Donald, dearly loved mother of Jennifer and Malcolm, grandmother of Robert and Claire and sister of Betty. Funeral Service at Enfield Crematorium, Great Cambridge Road, Enfield, Middx. on Friday 7th January, 1994 at 2:30 PM. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired, for Barnardo's may be sent to Alfred Scales Ltd, 11 Church Street, Hertford SG14 1EE. Telephone 0992 582062.

LEWTHWAITE - Sir William Anthony Bt. (Tony), aged 81 on Christmas Day, suddenly at home. Much loved husband of Lois, father of Kate and grandfather of Francesca and Sophie. Funeral private.

McQUEEN - On December 31st, 1993, peacefully at home, Aggie Argyll, Dr.Norman John aged 79 years, dearly loved husband of Jean and much loved father of Anne, Iain, Gordon and Kirsty. Funeral service at Holy Cross Church, Appin, Tuesday 4th January, at 3pm. Family flowers only. Any donations to Appin Medical Fund, C/o The Surgery, Port Appin, Argyll.

MILNE-WATSON - On 30th December, Mary Lisette (Billie) peacefully in hospital. Funeral service at Reading Crematorium on Monday 10th January at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. All enquiries to Geoffrey Church & Co. Tel: 0734 814420.

MUNNERLEY - On Christmas day, peacefully at Elmhurst Nursing Home, Prees, Shropshire, Mary Nesta (née Tudor) aged 88 widow of the late Norman, Wilkinson, "Dyke" Nunnerley. A beloved Aunt, sadly missed by her family and close friends. Private cremation at Shrewsbury crematorium, followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St John's Methodist Church, Whitchurch on Wednesday January 5th at 2.15 pm. No flowers by request, but donations to Friends of Woodchurch Hospital C/o Howell Bros, 2 Bargates, Woodchurch.

PROBY - Jocelyn Campbell Patrick MA MRO on 30th December in his 94th year. Thanksgiving service for family and close local friends.

SALAMAN - Raphael Arthur, beloved husband of Miriam and father of Tamara, Myer, Sarah and Jenny, died peacefully December 31 after a long illness, aged 87. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, Tuesday January 4, 12.30pm

WOOD - On 30th December in hospital Dorothy Rose Wood, M.B.E. of St. John's Wood, aged 90 (B.R.C. 1924-65). The funeral service will be at St. John's Church, St. John's Wood, London on Thursday, 6th January 1994 at 10.00am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Musicians' Benevolent Fund, 16 Ogle St, London W1P 7LG.

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CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), Hodie Christus natus est (Poulenc), The Precentor; 3.15 E, Stanford in C; 6.30 Congregational Carol Service.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, In dulci jubilo (Buxtehude), Mass in C (Beethoven), Fantasia in G (Bach). The Dean; 3 E.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C, Rev Jacqui Jones; 11.15 S Euch, In Dulci Jubilo (Pearsall), Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Canon Paul Bret; 6 Choral E, Sanders in A, Howells in B minor, Canon Paul Bret.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Lit; 8 HC; 10 Family Euch, Darke in F, Canon Colin Bennetts; 11.30 Choral M, Stanford in B flat, Canon Michael Rees; 3.30 Choral E, Brewer in D; 6.30 E, Cathedral Voluntary Choir, Canon Michael Rees.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8 C; 10.30 Euch, Ireland in C, Canon Paul Oestreicher; 5.30 E, Wood in D.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Canon Perry; 11.15 HC, The Precentor; 3.30 E.

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Te Deum (Williamson), Brightest and best (Archer), Canon Rone; 3.45 E, Walmsley in D minor.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Lit; 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch; 11.15 M; 12.30 HC; 3.45 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Schubert in G, Preb Tony Sadler; 3.30 E, Sumsion in G.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 Euch, Rev S P Kirk; 9 Parish Euch, Sumsion in F; 12.15 Holy Euch; 3.30 Choral E, Brewer in D; 6.30 Parish E, Rev JF Redvers Harris.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 10.30, 12.00, 5.00 M.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Kodaly), Preb DC Goodman; 11.30 M, Tui sunt caeli (Lassus); 3 E, Stanford in G, Preb RE Bowman-Eadie.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Stanford in B flat, Rev Paul Bates; 11.15 Euch, Schubert in G, Rev Paul Ferguson; 3 E, Wood in E flat No. 2, Rev Ralph Godsall; 5.45 Organ Recital William Whitehead; 6.30 ES, Rev Michael Hayes.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8 9, 12, 5.30, 7; 10.00 MP; 10.30 Solemn M; 3.30 V&B; 3.30.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10.00 S Euch, Rev Leon Carberry; 11.30 M, Dyson in F; 4 E Aston in F, Canon John Toy.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass of the Quiet Hour (Oldroyd), Theme and two variations on a Noel (Dupre), The Dean.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 6 LM; 10.00 Family M; 11.30 Solemn M, Fr Patrick Turner.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 HC, The Minister; 10 HC, Moderator of the General Assembly; 11.30 MS, The Moderator; 8 ES, The Minister.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Vaughan Williams in G; 11.30 HC, Missa Brevis in C (Mozart); 3.15 E, The Second Service (Byrd), In dir ist Freude (Bach), Rev Alan Wyne.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung C; 11 Choral Euch, Rev G Greig; 6.30 Choral E, Rev G Greig.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret St, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Darke in F, Rev P Johnstone; 4.30 EP.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9 C; 11 Rev Dr John Stott; 6.30 Rev Preb Richard Bewes.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa dixit Maria (Hasler), Carols.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 Parish C, Rev P Elvy, Addington Service; 6 E, Rev D Bean.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev Roger Dean.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Thomas Peek; 11 Informal Service, Jeremy Barnes; 6.30 Informal Service, Jamie Haith.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.30, 4.30, 7 M; 3.30 V&B; 11 Mass in B flat; 3.30 Resonet in Laudibus (Handel).

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 Methodist Covenant Service, Rev Dr R John Tudor.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Dr Jose Fuliga; 2 Swahili HC, Rev Francis Kirigi; 7 Choral M, Rev Ronald T Englund.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch with Baptism, Rev Anthony Winter; 6.30 Choral E, Rev Anthony Winter.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Weelkes Short Service, Canon John Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Sumsion in G, Canon John Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), The Lamb (Tavener), Rev GB McAvoy.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Eleanor J McMahon.

ST ETHELREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Sung M, Missa simplicitate (Langlais), There is no rose (Britten), In dulci jubilo (Bach).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Ashfield in C, The Rector.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea: 8, 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa de Angelis, Rev Derek Watson; 6.30 EP.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family C; 11 S Euch, Missa Secunda (Hassler), Rev Joe Humble.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch; The Vicar; 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Rev William Ratchford; 12.30 HC; 2.45 Chinese Service, Rev Gilbert Lee; 5 Choral E; 6.30 ES, Rev Bernhard Schimmann.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Rev David Jones; 6 E.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Rev Peter Wells; 6.30 Ministry of Healing, The Rector.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa a 4 (Monteverdi), Rev Christopher Courtauld.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch, Rev Fr Ashley Buck.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch, Stanford in B flat, Canon MA Moxon.

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, Tower of London: 10 HC, Canon J G M W Murphy.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 M & Lit; 11 Choral Euch, Statham in D; 3.30 E, Gibbons Short Sevice.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 S Euch, Missa O Magnum Mysterium (Victoria), O beatum et Sacrosanctum diem (Philips), In dir ist Freude (Bach).

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Three Part (Byrd), The Chaplain.

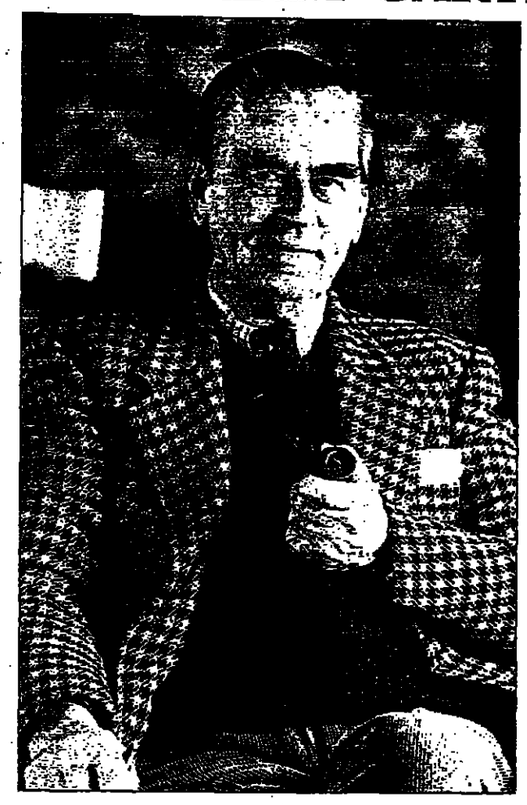
THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Macpherson in E, The Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral HC, Schubert in G, The Rev Gus Claxton, Band of the Blues and Royals.

OBITUARIES

SIR WILLIAM GARTHWAITE, Bt

Lieutenant-Commander Sir William Garthwaite, 2nd Bt, DSC and Bar, aviator, died on December 15 aged 87. He was born on January 3, 1906.





Sir William Garthwaite and, above, with his plane in the Western Desert in 1942

THE *Sporting Life* in an interview with William Garthwaite last November headed the article "A cross between Bond and Biggles — all in one". He could equally well have been described as "the complete 20th-century man". He certainly experienced most of the great events and changes of his time. He lived through two world wars — flying a Swordfish against the *Bismarck* in the second; fought three elections as a *Conservative* (all before the end of the war); and, through his first wife (daughter of the art mogul Lord Duveen), enjoyed the high-rolling world of the interwar years. After 1947, he settled down to the more subdued life of being chairman of a large insurance broker. He was possibly the only man to have been a crew member of a windjammer and to hold a jet pilot's licence — all within a period of just 28 years.

The son of the first baronet, also Sir William Garthwaite, William Francis Cuthbert Garthwaite was educated at Bradfield and Hertford College, Oxford (where he briefly overlapped with Evelyn *Waugh, thereby earning* an honourable mention in *Brideshead Revisited*). After coming down from Oxford in 1927 he was sent off by his father, a shipowner, to Adelaide on the four-masted barque, the *Garthpool* (997 tonnes). She journeyed out with a ballast cargo of iron in order to ferry grain back from Australia — she was the last square-rigger under the Commonwealth flag (sinking in 1932 off Cape St Verde). The voyage took 91 days.

Some of the more colourful moments, as recalled by Garthwaite, were: the disembarkation at Dublin effectively to press-gang (with the aid of alcohol) more crew members; doing 16 knots over 36 hours in a hurricane with just the stick (ie no sails); and, most significantly, overtaking a tramp steamer in the Roaring Forties and mischievously offering her a tow. Danger was ever-present — one member of the crew lost his footing in the rigging and perished in the ice-cold water.

Having survived this endurance test, the young Garthwaite understandably took a landlubber's route back home via India — where, among other things, he stayed with the legendary iron-ore prospector Gordon Duff, much to the cost of some of the local wildlife.

Recognising that air travel represented the wave of the future, Garthwaite started to fly in 1928 (obtaining a licence that he kept until he was 76). When the Second World War broke out, he joined the Fleet Air Arm after initially being rejected by the RAF on the ground of colour blindness. After a spell in Coastal Command, mine-laying over Norway, he arrived on HMS *Victorious*, in May 1941. He was almost immediately ordered — with the pilots of eight other Fairey Swordfish — to take off into action against the *Bismarck*. After two hours and ten minutes of flying they managed to locate the German battleship. The attack was credited with two hits by the *Bismarck*'s survivors — and Garthwaite always claimed that his "fish" ruptured the *Bismarck*'s oil tanks thus slowing down her speed by some five-ten knots. In very high seas, all the Swordfish managed successfully to complete a night landing — his first in Garthwaite's own case. For this exploit he was awarded the DSC.

His second DSC was won in Malta, where he joined the famous 830 Squadron between July 1941 and January 1942, to be in charge of six "electronically equipped aircraft" (meaning they had radar). Feeling he could only order others to do what he would do himself, he generally acted as "pathfinder" and "flare-dropper" in the night attacks against Rommels' shipping. This was a particularly hazardous role, since the flares would naturally light up the pathfinder aircraft. In this period 830 Squadron managed to sink or disable some 100,000 tonnes of Rommel's shipping, thereby significantly limiting his campaigns in Libya.

After December 1942, Garthwaite was put in charge of 842 Squadron and eventually became First Chief Pilot to the Admiralty. His excitement did not end with VE-Day. In 1945 he was posted to Naval Intelligence with a brief to find suitable sites for naval air stations (in China, Japan, Singapore and India). Arriving in Hong Kong he found the airport runway too short (and menaced by a threatening hill). He commandeered a troop of Japanese PoWs and solved two problems simultaneously — off came the top of the hill which was trundled along the existing runway into the sea. Having also commandeered the entire army cement supply, he used it to cover the sunken hilltop and thus extend Chai-Tek airport.

His love of flying continued after the war — almost to the cost of his life when, in 1955, the landing gear of a Vampire (an early jet) failed. In all, he claimed to have flown 72 separate types of aircraft - always recalling his most arduous experience as being flying a Liberator by hand — since its "George" had failed — for 14 hours across the Atlantic in 1942.

Garthwaite's life was varied in many other aspects. He fought three parliamentary elections. At the Yorkshire mining seat of Hemsworth in 1931, he was lucky to save his deposit and his life (given that an effort was made to sabotage his car). He was perhaps even more fortunate to find accommodation since no one would put him up — because of the risk that any hotel which lodged the Conservative candidate of the National government might be burnt down. The young apprentice politician eventually knocked on the door of Hockham Hall, where he found sanctuary. In 1935, at the Isle of Ely, he lost by 664 votes to a Rothschild (considered a moral victory in what was then a *Liberal* seat). He was less lucky in 1945, coming bottom of the poll at Wolverhampton East, one of the seats gained by Labour from a sitting Liberal MP. But he never lost his interest in politics, becoming chairman of the Tunbridge Wells Conservative Association for many years.

After the war, Garthwaite — though still under 40 — followed gentler pursuits. Much of his time was spent as chairman of Sir William Garthwaite, a sizeable marine insurance company. By using his Naval Intelligence pass to obtain entry to Japan in 1946, he managed to contact his old prewar clients in Japan before the Americans "got to them" and, in particular, formed a long and close relationship with Nissan Fire and Marine. But he was never satisfied by Lloyd's alone. In the 1950s he started up a small aircraft business at Croydon airport in competition with Freddy Laker. Then, in 1961, he bought a 320-acre horticultural farm in KentNot one to accept the sober conventions of age, he purchased in 1961 a splendid yellow V-12 Lamborhini Islero S — one of the few that remain. The annual vehicle service provided an excuse for a two-month trip each year, which would conveniently pass many of his friends in France and Italy. Such technical problems as a broken windscreen wipers could be easily solved by driving at over 100mph — "then the water does not stay on the windscreen". Only last July he was still touring the Continent in the "yellow peril"

His lust for speed and chance also drew him to racehorses though few that he bought proved fast enough to win races. He derived, however, great pleasure from the turf and was delighted when his horse Apollo King managed to win the Horse and Hound Cup in 1991. At the time of his death he still had three horses in training at Epsom Downs.

Garthwaite was three times married. He is survived by his third wife, Patricia, their three sons, together with the son of his second marriage, William Mark Charles Garthwaite, who becomes the third baronet.

PATRICK LITTLE

Patrick Little, medical editor at the World Health Organisation and former assistant editor at the *Lancet*, died on December 14 aged 40. He was born on December 13, 1953.

WHEN friends telephoned Patrick Little in Geneva to ask which wines they should order that night at one of Burgundy's best restaurants, he got straight into his car and drove the four hours to Poligny Monrachet to make sure that they got the very best advice and attention. The act reflects his spontaneity, his obsession with quality and detail and his delight in other people's pleasure.

Patrick William Anthony Little was a renaissance figure and a bon viveur. Dogged by ill-health for most of his adult life he yet achieved excellence in a range of disciplines, effortlessly mastering whatever engaged his agile and enquiring mind. To everything he did — as a doctor, an editor, and a connoisseur of fine food and wines — he brought a penetrating intellect and infectious enthusiasm.

From an early age he showed his preference for the good things in life. Quick to try new skills, he moved easily through school on as little work as necessary. He studied medicine at Trinity College, Dublin, following the family tradition. While there he developed kidney failure, diagnosed by chance on a blood test taken during a teaching session.

Despite the ensuing illness he qualified in 1978, but the need for regular dialysis made working as a doctor impossible. In 1982 he joined the editorial staff of the *Lancet*, but after two years found himself unable to continue because of repeated bouts of illness.

A kidney transplant in 1984 restored him to full health, and he returned to medicine, deciding on a career in pathology and quickly progressing to become a lecturer and senior registrar at Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School.

In 1990 he moved back to medical editing, this time in the publications unit of the World Health Organisation in Geneva, where his intellect and meticulous eye for detail earned him widespread respect.

He had a talent for friendship but did not suffer fools. A tall, elegant man, he could appear aloof until his interest was aroused. Then he showed his skill at bringing out the best in people with his ready warmth and humour, cutting across differences in age, background, and nationality. He was a great mimic and loved to play to an audience, but he did not need to be the centre of attention and was not averse to using his illness as an excuse for spending time alone reading and listening to music. Talking to him on any subject was often humbling and always exciting.

As a patient he could be both difficult and demanding — being articulate, perfectionist, and medically trained — but he never once complained about his illness. He joked about the inconvenience and discomfort and turned restrictions into opportunities.

Faced with a low salt, low protein diet he took an interest in cooking and quickly became a brilliant and inspirational cook.

His enthusiasm for good food led him on to the serious study of wines, and both enthusiasms found expression in his love of France, which went far beyond the superficial.

Illness may have saved him from a more traditional route through life, but his early death has robbed the many people who knew him of a fascinating, funny and immensely knowledgeable companion.



THE RT REV RICHARD DARBY

The Right Rev Richard Darby, Bishop of Sherwood, 1975-89, died on December 26 aged 74. He was born on February 28, 1919.

"DICK" DARBY was the very model of a suffragan bishop. In no sense academic, his gifts were predominantly pastoral, although he also had considerable ability as a preacher. Promoted to the episcopal bench at the relatively late age of 56, he saw the Southwell diocese through two interregnums and, in the view of many, had all the capacity to have been a diocesan bishop himself. A warm amd humane personality, he always commanded affection well beyond the boundaries of the Church.

Harold Richard Darby was born in England but brought up in China where his parents were Salvation Army missionaries. He was educated at the Cathedral School in Shanghai, began to train as an accountant but then took a job as a customs officer, being sent to Hong Kong where he was in charge of the narcotics squad. While there he enrolled in the Hong Kong Volunteers, the Crown Colony's equivalent of the Territorials. Captured when Hong Kong fell to the Japanese on Christmas Day 1941, he spent four years as a prisoner of war, latterly as a coal-miner in Japan. It was an experience he seldom spoke about, although it left him with physical as well as psychological scars.

On his return to Britain at the age of 26, Darby had already made up his mind that he wanted to train for the ministry. He went first to a pre-theological course at Hawarden and then on to St John's College, Durham, where he took a degree in geology before spending a fourth year tackling the General Ordination Exam. Despite not being a natural scholar, he sailed through and was duly ordained in 1950, serving his title at Leyton Parish Church. He was to work for the next 20 years in the Chelmsford diocese, eventually progressing to be vicar of the large suburban parish of Waltham Abbey, where he was responsible for the restoration of the old Abbey Church.

It may have been this achievement which attracted the interest of the private patron of the even more ancient Abbey of Battle in Sussex, to the vicarage and deanery of which Darby was preferred in 1971. The deanery of Battle (like that of Bocking in Essex) has always been something of an anomaly within the Anglican Church and the occupancy of either by no means presupposes an automatic right to further promotion. Darby himself was certainly genuinely astonished when, five years later, he was invited to take up a suffragan bishopric. The invitation came from the then Bishop of Southwell, John Wakeling, who hailed from the Chelmsford diocese and knew of Darby's work there. Despite an initial sense of bewilderment — "I've been asked to become a bishop, what do you think I should do about it?" he enquired of a friend — Darby eventually accepted and went off to work for the first time in his life in the northern province.

In the Midlands he soon found himself very much at home. There was still then a Nottinghamshire coalfield and even his Japanese experience down the pits came in useful. Not that the new bishop ever pretended to be anything that he was not. His hobby had long been vintage cars and he would quite unashamedly keep two ancient Bentleys on the go at the same time (though in truth he had probably restored both of them himself).

He remained 14 years in the Southwell diocese serving under three successive diocesan bishops. He was for five years chairman of the board of governors of the high-security Rampton Special Hospital at Retford — carrying on with this work once he had left Southwell — and did much to restore morale there after it had been through some turbulent times. Darby retired in 1989, being awarded an honorary DD by Nottingham University in that year, and went to live in Lincolnshire where he served as an assistant bishop.

He is survived by his wife Betty, three daughters and two sons.



The Rt Rev Richard Darby in 1949 with the Mark 6 Bentley which he restored himself

SWIFTY LAZAR

Irving "Swifty" Lazar, Hollywood literary and talent agent, died on December 30 aged 86. He was born in Stamford, Connecticut, on March 28, 1907.



ONE of the best literary agents in the business, Irving Lazar, always known as "Swifty", possessed in abundance the sort of bravado and flair that Hollywood has always rewarded. Indeed, to Lazar publishing and show business were one and the same thing. His net spread over the years to include not just writers but theatre directors, actors and politicians. Cole Porter, Ernest Hemingway, Franco Zeffirelli and Vladimir Nabokov were among his clients and when ex-President Nixon was looking for the right man to sell his memoires in 1978, it was Lazar who managed to negotiate for him a publishing advance of £1.6 million.

In later years Lazar was known as the host of Hollywood's most exclusive post-Oscar party, held at Spagos, invitations for which were considered by some more of a coup in entertainment circles than for the award ceremony itself.

Over the years there were probably more myths circulating about the diminutive Lazar than about anyone else in Hollywood, and his friends added to them by lampooning him in their work. The screenwriter George Axelrod wrote him into *Will Success Spoil Rock Hunter* (1957) as Irving "Sneaky" Lasalle. Joseph Heller padded out the rumour that Lazar was terrified of germs. The first time he arrived for a meeting with Heller, so the story went, Lazar produced a can of anti-toxic concentrate and liberally sprayed all present, before spraying the first can with a second can of the same stuff.

Heller was also the source of the theory that Lazar was too busy with his deals to read the books he handled. To confirm this, the musical writer Alan Jay Lerner taped certain pages of *An American in Paris* together before sending it to Lazar. The book was returned with the pages still glued together, accompanied by a note from Lazar declaring it to be "a work of art".

It was Humphrey Bogart who gave "Swifty" his nickname. In 1955 Bogart challenged Lazar to make five film deals for him in one day. Lazar started at midday, and wound up the five contracts by six o'clock — though he admitted that Bogart was not a hard man to sell at the time. Lazar was one of the few friends, with John Huston and Frank Sinatra, who visited Bogart daily when the star was dying from cancer in 1957.

Irving Paul Lazar graduated with a degree in law from St Lawrence University, and was called to the Bar in 1931. He began his career as an attorney with the MCA talent agency, but decided to set up on his own when he realised that MCA's cut of a deal was a 10 per cent to his 1 per cent.

He started modestly enough as a bandsman's agent, and his involvment with writers came about later almost by accident. During the Second World War when he was in the Army Air Corps, Lazar was summoned to the Pentagon to meet General Henry "Hop" Arnold, commander of the USAAF. Arnold was envious of the success of the morale-boosting show *This is the Army* then running and wanted something similarly uplifting penned about the boys in the air force. Lazar, whose experience had until this time been confined to musicians, was told to organise it.

Actors were not a problem. Lazar's first stops were Josh Logan and Clark Gable, both of whom had been in his officer-candidate school and they agreed to star in it. Logan then intoduced Lazar to the playwright Moss Hart, who was signed up to write it, and the end product, *Winged Victory*, was duly staged on Broadway. It was Hart who persuaded Lazar to stop thinking of himself exclusively as a musician's agent and who introduced him to his first literary clients — the Pulitzer-prize winning Edna Ferber and the playwright George Kaufman.

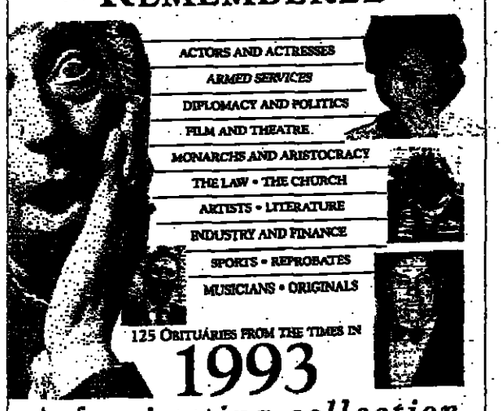
Although he ran his office with the help of only two secretaries, Lazar went on to handle the careers of, among others, Tennessee Williams, Neil Simon, Lillian Hellman, Truman Capote and Hemingway.

Lazar never let the fact that he did not officially represent a writer deter him from trying to sell his book. As Irwin Shaw once said: "Everyone has two agents — his own and Irving Lazar".

His wife Mary died in January last year.

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Appointments

The Rev *Phillip* Moon, Secretary of CYFA (Church Pastoral Aid Society): to be Vicar, Christ Church, Lowestoft (Norwich).

The Rev Terence Munro, Rector, Woodhouse w Wrangthorn (Ripon): to be *also* Ripon Diocesan Ecumenical Officer.

The Rev Margaret Parker, Honorary Cathedral Deacon at Durham Cathedral: to be a Minor Canon (non-stipendiary) of Durham Cathedral.

The Rev Andrew Pearson, Curate, Wetherby: to be Priest-in-charge, St Peter, Hunslet Moor (Ripon).

The Rev David Pearson-Miles, Priest-in-charge, Barcombe: to be *Rector, Barcombe* (Chichester).

The Rev Eric Stephenson, Vicar, East Boldon and Rural Dean of Jarrow: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral.

The Rev John Stone, Rector, Tedburn St Mary, Whitestone, Oldridge and Holcombe Burnell: to be Priest-in-charge, Yarcombe w Membury and Upottery, and Cotleigh (Exeter).

The Rev Peter Taylor, Rector, Necton w Holme Hale and Rural Dean of Breckland: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, North and South Pickenham and Houghton on the Hill as from April 1. He is resigning as *Rural Dean of* Breckland as from March 31 (Norwich).

The Rev William Taylor, Vicar, St Peter's, Ealing: to be *also* Area Dean of Ealing (London).

The Rev Stuart Wilmot, Priest-in-charge, St James w Christ Church, Bermondsey: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, St Anne and St Augustine, Bermondsey (Southwark).

The Rev John Wood, Rector, Walsham Le Willows and Finningham w Westhorpe (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be Vicar, Whitstable All Saints, and Rector, Whitstable Team Ministry (Canterbury).

Resignation

The Rev David Wilbraham, Assistant Curate, St Helen, St Helens, and Minister-in-charge, St Andrew's, Denton's Green (Liverpool): resigned as from Oct 31.

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One of H.M. Ships, Off Suvla.

Dec. 20 (morning).

When the whole thing was over the last job that remained to do ashore was to set a light to the abandoned stores. Volunteers did this by means of time fuses, which were only lit when the news was received by telephone from Anzac that all was clear, for it was expected that the sight of the conflagration would at once open the eyes of the Turks to what was going on, and that a furious, if futile, bombardment would immediately begin. Things went off that last night just as quietly as the schedule reads, for the realization of the scheme proved for once to be the perfect working out of a business-like and smoothly running programme.

All the preparations which the Turks will find made for their entry are not, however, of an explosive nature. The Australians have left many letters of kindliest farewell, assuring "Johnnie Turk" that he is a good fellow and a clean fighter, and that the Australians hope to meet him again some day. The crowning testimony to this good feeling is the gramophone which was put in a conspicuous place in a trench on Walker's Ridge with its disc on and the needle ready to play "The Turkish Patrol."

Last night, Sunday, December 19, was an evening of brilliant moonlight. I had spent the day at Lala Baba, where nothing was doing out of the ordinary.

Then along the sandy beach, where so many men at the landing in August suffered torments of thirst, I went back to Suvla Point. There there was a most fantastic variety of headgear and equipment, *pith* helmets (relics of summer), knitted woollen helmets, that were to have served during the winter, and field-service caps. From the shore one had a splendid view of five great fires springing up one after another about 4 o'clock as the store dumps leapt into flames and soon into one mighty bonfire a couple of hundred yards long.

At 3.30 there had been a violent explosion from Anzac with a sudden spurt of flame on the crest of the ridge. This was a giant mine exploded by the Australians, 45ft. deep under the Turkish trenches, as the final act of hostility when the last Australian was about to leave the beach. It was fired by electric contact from a distance, and must, it is thought, have killed a hundred Turks. When the sun rose the Turks began their strangely erratic bombardment, first dropping shells into the heart of the bonfire at Suvla, then at the battleship which had been pounding the piers and then all round.

Although Suvla and Anzac have cost us much in blood, it would be a mistake to regard this withdrawal as a confession of entire failure there. Both are names that will take a proud place in the list of the Battle Honours of our Imperial Army, for British troops from the farthest separated parts of the Empire there met and fought, not Turk and German alone, but disease and thirst: the heat of summer and the deadly bitter blizzards of winter.

ON THIS DAY

January 1 1916

In contrast to the bungled campaign in Gallipoli, the evacuation from its beaches was a remarkable success in planning and execution. Throughout the numerous embarkations there were few casualties.

NEWS

Designer baby report demanded

■ The government watchdog on test-tube baby treatments has ordered a report into the case of a black woman who wants to bear a white child artificially implanted at a British fertility clinic.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority has also warned that any clinic "flagrantly and persistently" breaking ethical rules would be closed..... **Pages 1, 2, 14, 15**

Forecasters warn of more floods

■ Emergency services struggled last night to salvage homes and rescue stranded residents in southern England amid forecasts of fresh floods. Six people have been arrested after a flood-damaged supermarket in Sussex was looted.....**Page 1**

Sudan ultimatum

The Foreign Office gave Sudan until Tuesday to reconsider its expulsion of the British ambassador in Khartoum..... **Pages 1, 13**

MI5 blamed

Top-secret documents show that Harold Macmillan blamed MI5 for failing to check the Profumo scandal..... **Pages 1, 4, 5**

Cape Town massacre

An armed attack by black extremists in Cape Town, which left four dead, clouded South African new year celebrations..... **Page 1**

Lockerbie victim

David Flannigan, 23, orphaned by the Lockerbie disaster, choked to death on his vomit in Thailand..... **Pages 1, 3**

Rouble rules

To strengthen the rouble, Moscow has outlawed foreign currencies in shops..... **Page 9**

Pyongyang progress

The US reported progress in talks with North Korea..... **Page 12**

Major buoyant

John Major's upbeat new year message forecast strengthening recovery, steady growth in jobs and prosperity..... **Page 2**

Custody bid denied

A man whose children were left alone on Christmas Eve lost a court custody action..... **Page 3**

Legal switch

The public may soon be able to consult a barrister without going first to a solicitor..... **Page 6**

Cuban exodus

Alina Salgado Fernández, 16, granddaughter of President Castro, has joined her mother in America..... **Page 13**

Tests demand

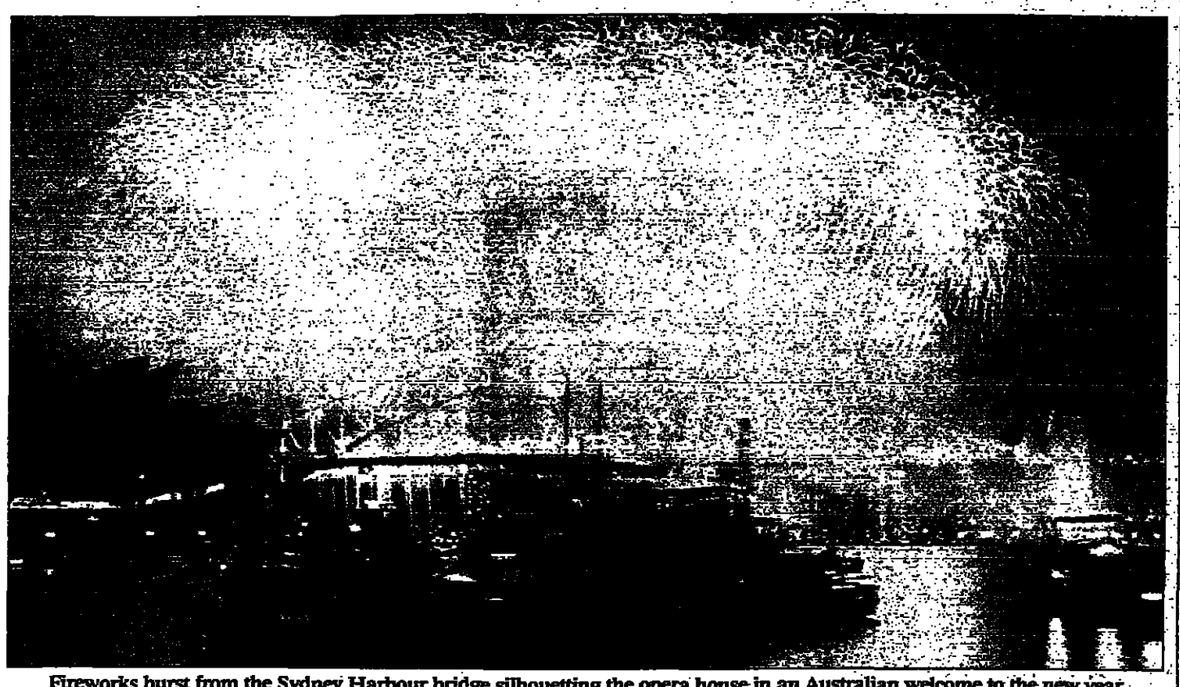
President Clinton has ordered a review of Cold War human radiation experiments..... **Page 12**

Neglected bills

South Wales police, forced to ration petrol, have been invited to put their case to the Home Office..... **Page 7**

Free trade from Arctic to the Med

■ The European Community linked up at midnight last night with five members of the European Free Trade Association to create the European Economic Area, the world's largest free-trade area stretching from the Mediterranean to the Arctic..... **Page 11**



Fireworks burst from the Sydney Harbour bridge silhouetting the opera house in an Australian welcome to the new year.

Economy: Private investors took equities by storm in 1993, as falling interest rates and booming stock markets sparked a mass exodus from building society and bank deposit accounts..... **Page 19**

Regions: Scotland, Northern Ireland, North, Yorkshire, Humberside and East Anglia increased their contributions to the economy..... **Page 19**

Disney: The spectre of closure of the Euro Disneyland theme park has been raised again by Michael Eisner, chairman of the Walt Disney Corporation..... **Page 19**

ICI: Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman of ICI, says that 1994 should be "a year of real opportunity for British industry"..... **Page 19**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 10.4 to 3418.4. Sterling rose from 81.6 to 81.8 after a rise from $1.4766 to $1.4780 and from DM2.5601 to DM2.5688..... **Page 22**

Football: Manchester United, who lead the FA Carling Premiership by 14 points, are on course to set a record for the biggest winning margin by English football league champions..... **Page 34**

Rugby Union: Wales have made nine changes, three of them positional, from the side that lost to Canada in November for their opening five nations' championship match against Scotland on January 15..... **Page 36**

Football: If Chelsea manage to turn round a season which recently saw them pick up only two points out of 33, they may have to thank their extraordinary young goalkeeper, Dmitri Kharine..... **Page 34**

Seeking the best: Simon Barnes debates some examples of sporting perfection: would the best be Ian Botham hitting a six, David Campese sidestepping an opponent, or Steffi Graf executing her forehand?..... **Page 30**

Cold comfort: Ice-cream in winter? Certainly, says Anne McElvoy, especially in the former communist countries; certainly, says Gerald Kaufman, an addict..... **Page 1**

Fat chance: Drew Smith translates "fatspeak", the dairy produce manufacturers' jargon..... **Page 4**

Market forces: Venetian cuisine is *about fish and vegetables, and* freshness is prized above all. John Brunton goes shopping..... **Page 5**

Fun fare: Tim Marsh climbs aboard the Party Express to strut his stuff on the top deck of a Routemaster..... **Page 6**

Times past: How accurate were the predictions for 1993? Frank Jeffery compares the prophecies with the events and declares the results mixed..... **Page 7**

Marathon men and women: As April looms frighteningly near, Mel Batty gives his monthly training schedule..... **Page 8**

Famous first night: Richard Morrison relives the excitement of the night in 1945 when Benjamin Britten's first opera, *Peter Grimes*, had its premiere at Sadler's Wells Theatre..... **Weekend, page 14**

Mozart magic: Music Theatre London has triumphed again with its new production of *Così fan tutte* setting Mozart's comic opera in the 1990s..... **Weekend, page 14**

Divers to the rescue: William Gray joins a group of volunteers on holiday to save the Belize Barrier Reef..... **Weekend, page 3**

Blackpool California: Susan MacDonald goes to Lancashire for a lazy weekend only to be lured into activity..... **Weekend, page 2**

Lonesome mountains: An hour's drive from Marrakesh, Mary Ann Sieghart saddles up to explore the High Atlas..... **Weekend, page 2**

New Year Sayle: After more than two years away, Alexei Sayle has a new series..... **Page 3**

Welsh soap: The longest running television drama slips out of the valley..... **Page 5**

Unnatural childbirth

No legislation could be framed to deal with the complexities of parental desire in a way which did not travesty them..... **Page 15**

That was the year that was

The extraordinary history of 1963 will be incomplete until more is known of secret files in the locked cupboard of officialdom..... **Page 15**

Seven swans a-swimming

In English metaphor, Homer is the swan of Meander, Virgil the swan of Mantua, and other poetic swans come from places with nothing in the way of water..... **Page 15**

SIMON JENKINS

The BBC still denies what Classic FM understands, that broadcast music makes different demands from concert-hall music..... **Page 14**

MARY ANN SIEGHART

Men are still expected to be aggressive and ambitious and to provide for their families. If it is hard for a mother to ask to leave early to attend the school nativity play, it is harder still for a father..... **Page 14**

Readers deplore the closure of the country for the holiday..... **Page 15**

Political correctness, for all its awfulness, is an effort to save souls through language. America is a cauldron of moral crusades, both good and silly

The Wall Street Journal

The Western democracies [in 1993] have raised walls of protectionism around their markets and immigration laws around their borders

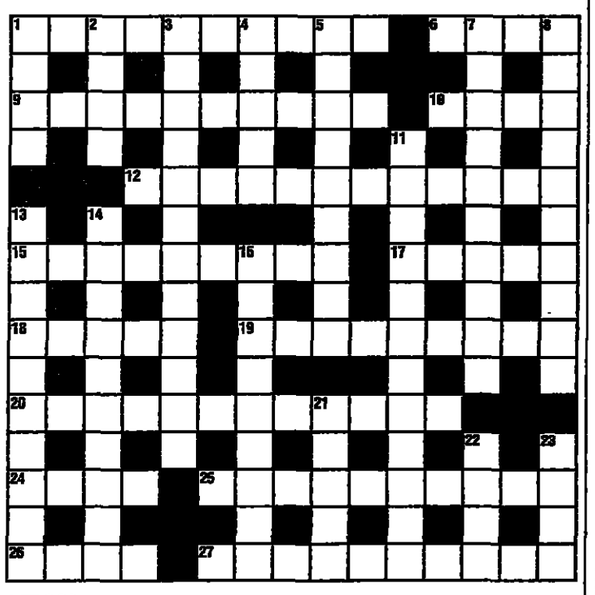
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ACROSS

1 An abrasive edition of *The Mirror*? (5-5).
6 Bird sounds important, though small (4).
9 False as his empty expressions of solidarity (10).
10 Strikes gently back in minor quarrel (4).
12 German poet's gripping long and frightening piece (5-7).
15 You may need help as one infected by its bite (9).
17 Work paid — about time (5).
18 A mixture of materials; manure? — way off! (5)
19 Soldiers move rhythmically around in order (9).
20 ". . . and no birds sing" — especially this one? (5-7).
24 Not quite a white man? (4).
25 Homer's assigned place on the shelves? (6-4).
26 Burial chamber first assigned to monarch (4).
27 Old fellow with huge capacity for alcohol (10).

DOWN

1 End of intestines displaced by wind (4).
2 Marchers, perhaps, put right in one March (4).
3 Notes siren is a dead shot (12).
4 How wooden our cricket became in 1882? (5)
5 Used to practise on daughter (9).
7 I'm terrified at first, interrupted by 4 people spitting (10).
8 Finally dispose of runner who has no right to be there (10).
11 Find a place to kneel – my sin requires flagellation (6,6).
13 Trial club held by striker (10).
14 Large number imprisoned by Roman emperor (10).
16 The fashion is to have a fancy double (4-5).
21 Wood, the conductor, taking the morning off (5).
22 Turn aside, say, from objective (4).
23 Laban expected aspiring husband *initially to take her* (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,422

A	T	R	I	G	H	T	A	N	G	L	E	S		
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Winners of Christmas Eve's competition are: O R Easy, Sherwood Avenue, Potters Bar, Herts; B Hall, Brudenell Road, Poole, Dorset; G W Calvert, Awelfryn, Llanfair, Harlech; P Leech, Walmington Fold, London; D E Beardon, Bishop's Hull, Taunton, Somerset.

WEATHER

Many places will start bright and dry but rain, heavy at times, will reach Northern Ireland, Wales and southwest England in the late morning. It will then spread across the rest of England and much of Scotland, giving sleet or snow over northern hills. Clearer, showery weather reaching Northern Ireland and western England and Wales later. Windy, especially in western and southern England and Wales. Outlook: Sunny intervals and showers.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	13	55	f	Madrid	10	50	f
Alicante	18	64	s	Majorca	16	61	s
Alex'dria	22	72	f	Malaga	15	59	s
Algiers	19	66	s	Malta	15	59	f
Amst'dm	7	45	f	Melb'rne	17	63	f
Athens	14	57	f	Mexico C*	15	59	c
Bahrain	22	72	s	Miami*	25	77	s
Bangkok	30	86	f	Milan	3	37	c
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	-13	9	s
Barcelona	14	57	f	Moscow	-7	19	c
Beirut	20	68	f	Munich	3	37	f
Belgrade	9	48	f	Nairobi	25	77	s
Berlin	7	45	r	Naples	11	52	s
Bermuda*	24	75	f	N Delhi	21	70	s
Biarritz	18	64	f	N York*	-3	27	s
Borde'x	13	55	r	Nice	12	54	f
Brussels	9	48	f	Oslo	1	3	s
Budapest	4	39	s	Paris	10	50	r
B Aires*	27	81	s	Peking	3	37	s
Cairo	21	70	f	Perth	31	88	s
Cape Tn	25	77	s	Prague	9	48	f
Chicago*	-10	14	f	Reykjavik	1	34	s
Ch'church	16	61	c	Rhodes	15	59	r
Cologne	10	50	s	Rio de J	25	77	f
C'phagn	4	39	f	Riyadh	27	81	s
Corfu	15	59	s	Rome	12	54	s
Dublin	4	39	f	Salzburg	7	45	f
Dubrovnik	13	55	s	S F'isco*	11	52	s
Faro	14	57	c	Santiago*	28	79	s
Florence	1	34	f	S Paulo*	16	61	r
Frankfurt	12	54	f	Seoul	1	34	s
Funchal	17	63	c	Singapor	29	84	f
Geneva	9	48	f	Stckholm	0	32	c
Gibraltar	16	61	s	Stuasb'rg	12	54	f
Helsinki	0	32	sn	Sydney	27	81	s
Hong K	22	72	s	Tangier	17	63	c
Innsbruck	3	37	f	Tel Aviv	23	73	f
Istanbul	8	46	c	Tenerife	18	64	c
Jeddah	31	88	s	Tokyo	9	48	r
Jo'burg*	21	70	f	Toronto*	-8	18	s
L Palmas	18	64	f	Tunis	16	61	f
Le Touet	7	45	r	Valencia	16	61	r
Lisbon	14	57	c	Vanc'ver*	7	45	s
Locarno	3	37	s	Venice	3	37	f
L Angels*	18	64	s	Vienna	1	34	f
Luxembg	8	46	r	Warsaw	6	43	r
Luxor	27	81	s	Wash'ton*	-4	25	s
				Wellngton	21	70	f
				Zurich	9	48	f

* denotes figures are latest available

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Bristol 4.12 pm to 8.16 am
Edinburgh 3.49 pm to 8.44 am
Manchester 4.00 pm to 8.25 am
Penzance 4.30 pm to 8.21 am

TODAY

Sun rises: 8.06 am — Sun sets: 4.02 pm
Moon rises 8.46 pm — Moon sets 9.39 am
Last quarter January 5

London 4.03 pm to 8.06 am
Bristol 4.13 pm to 8.16 am
Edinburgh 3.50 pm to 8.44 am
Manchester 4.01 pm to 8.25 am
Penzance 4.31 pm to 8.21 am

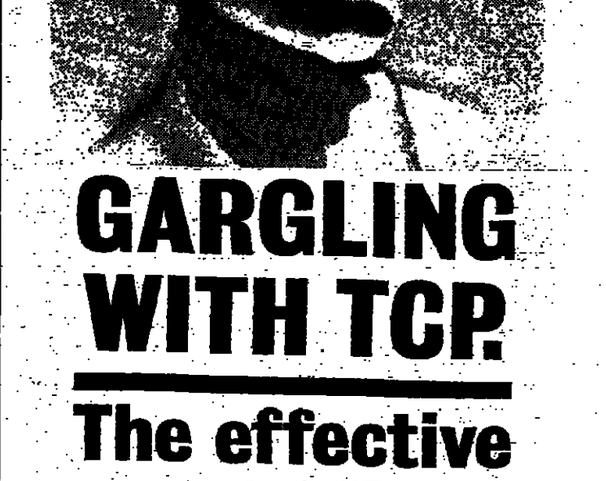
TOMORROW

Sun rises: 8.06 am — Sun sets: 4.03 pm
Moon rises 10.03 pm — Moon sets 10.03 am
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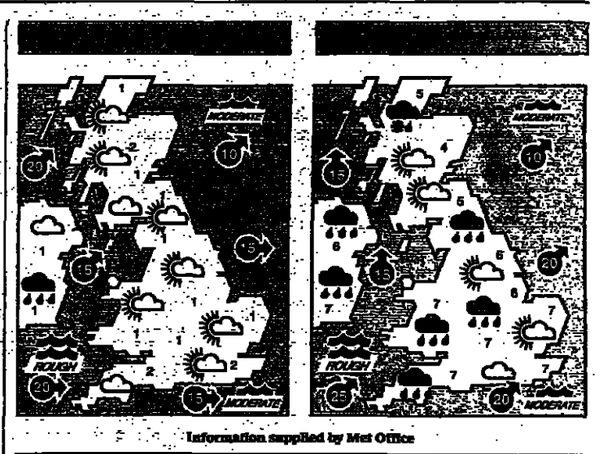
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.3	-	4	39	cloudy
Anglesey	0.3	0.02	7	45	cloudy
Aviemore	3.2	0.12	2	36	bright
Belfast	1.3	0.03	3	37	bright
Birmingham	-	0.10	5	41	rain
Bognor Regis	-	1.46	11	52	rain
Bournemouth	-	1.69	9	48	rain
Bristol	-	0.05	11	52	rain
Buxton	-	0.15	4	39	cloudy
Cardiff	-	0.43	8	46	rain
Clacton	-	0.28	8	46	rain
Cromer	-	0.02	7	45	cloudy
Eastbourne	-	0.97	11	52	rain
Edinburgh	-	0.01	3	37	shower
Eskdalemuir	-	0.13	1	34	snow
Exmouth	-	0.98	9	48	rain
Falmouth	-	1.50	11	52	rain
Folkestone	-	1.40	10	50	rain
Glasgow	0.6	0.08	3	37	fog
Guernsey	-	0.33	12	54	rain
Hastings	-	0.86	10	50	rain
Isle of Man	2.9	0.04	7	45	shower
Jersey	-	0.32	12	54	rain
Kinloss	1.9	-	5	41	bright
Leeds	0.1	0.17	6	43	shower
Lerwick	0.2	0.47	5	41	thundr
Littlehampton	-	1.59	11	52	rain
Liverpool	0.3	0.09	6	43	cloudy
London	-	0.54	10	50	rain
Lowestoft	-	0.08	7	45	rain
Manchester	0.3	0.19	6	43	cloudy
Margate	-	0.94	10	50	rain
Minehead	-	0.11	11	52	shower
Morecambe	1.0	0.36	6	43	hail
Newcastle	3.5	0.01	5	41	sunny
Nottingham	-	0.08	6	43	cloudy
Penzance	-	1.43	11	52	rain
Plymouth	-	1.16	11	52	rain
Poole	-	1.53	9	48	rain
Scunton Sndl	-	0.33	8	46	rain
Scarborough	1.4	0.08	8	46	bright
Scilly Isles	-	1.65	11	52	rain
Shanklin	-	1.22	11	52	rain
Southsea	-	1.97	10	50	rain
Stornoway	0.2	0.20	5	41	shower
Swanage	-	1.54	11	52	rain
Teignmouth	-	1.52	9	48	rain
Tenby	-	0.14	7	45	rain
Torquay	-	1.23	12	54	rain
Weymouth	-	1.50	11	52	rain
Wick	0.2	-	4	39	cloudy

These figures are Thursday's



	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.33	2.13
Austria Sch	18.95	17.45
Belgium Fr	68.25	51.85
Canada $	2.092	1.932
Cyprus Cypf	0.782	0.742
Denmark Kr	10.57	09.77
Finland Mrk	9.21	08.41
France Fr	9.13	8.43
Germany Dm	2.70	2.49
Greece Dr	388.50	383.50
Hong Kong $	12.12	11.12
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lire	2920.00	2495.00
Japan Yen	181.00	164.00
Malta	0.692	0.577
Netherlands Gld	3.007	2.777
Norway Kr	11.68	10.68
Portugal Esc	271.00	252.50
South Africa Rd	5.80	4.90
Spain Pta	219.50	205.50
Sweden Kr	12.85	12.05
Switzerland Fr	2.50	2.12
Turkey Lira	21390.0	20390.0
USA $	1.582	1.492

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THE TIMES

SATURDAY JANUARY 1 1994

Shares poised for another bumper year

BY LIZ DOLAN, MICHAEL CLARK AND NEIL BENNETT

■ The FT-SE index rose 572 points in the course of 1993. More than a quarter of that gain was achieved in the three-week account period that finished yesterday

PRIVATE investors flocked into equities in 1993, as falling interest rates and booming stock markets provoked an exodus from building society and bank deposit accounts.

Unit trusts celebrated their best year ever, attracting even more cash than at the previous high point, in the run-up to the 1987 crash. In their dash for higher returns, individuals invested more money in equity-based funds than institutional investors, in contrast to previous years.

The total value of unit trust funds leapt from £63 billion to nearly £90 billion. Surging share prices accounted for much of the increase. London, Wall Street and most European stock markets reached all-time highs and much of Southeast Asia enjoyed an unprecedented boom. The FT-SE 100 index grew by 20 per cent over the year.

New money, however, also played a significant part. Net monthly sales to the end of November averaged £745 million, compared with the monthly average of £60 million achieved over the same period in 1992. In the first 11 months, net unit trust investment was more than £8 billion, 42 per cent higher than the £6.33 billion achieved for the whole of 1987.

Direct investment in shares by private investors is also increasing. According to a survey by ShareLink, the telephone-based stockbroking service, individual investors plan to play the stock market more regularly this year and expect even greater profits. The survey showed that almost eight out of ten private investors expect the FT-SE 100 index to finish 1994 higher than it is now, and more than three-quarters plan to invest more in shares during the year. Almost two-thirds say that investing in shares will be more profitable than in 1993.

The London market, however, ended 1993 on a subdued note. Share prices lost ground and government bonds marked time. An early rise of almost 17 points was quickly wiped out by futures-related selling. The FT-SE 100 index closed near its low of the day, 10.4 points down at 3,418.4.

But this lacklustre performance on the final day of the year cannot mask what was otherwise a breathtaking 12 months, during which the index rose 571.9 points; the final three-week account saw a gain of 157.1 points.

Analysts' forecasts for the end of 1994 range from 3,500 to 4,000. "Superbull" Nick Knight, at Nomura, who came so close to getting it right a year ago by forecasting a 1993 close of 3,500, is again at the top of the range.

There was a high level of corporate activity in 1993, helping to provide bumper bonuses for many brokers. A total of 166 companies made rights issues, raising £11.28 billion. A further 158 companies, worth an estimated £5 billion, came to market and the BT3 privatisation sale on its own raised £5 billion.

On the bond market, business also boomed. The Government raised a total of £52 billion by issuing extra stocks. Yesterday, though, it was as much as the March series of the Long Gilt could do to muster a rise of £1/16 to finish at £120 11/32. A mere 2,125 contracts were completed.

The survey of 500 ShareLink clients suggests that individuals have forgotten the fears that kept many of them out of the stock market for years after the 1987 crash. "The private investor is clearly taking a bullish view of prospects," said Nigel Bartram, ShareLink's marketing director.

ShareLink's figures show that its customers were enthusiastic share buyers for most of the first half of 1993, but that buying and selling became more balanced in the second half, when many investors took profits.

The most popular company among private investors was J Sainsbury; advantage was taken of weakness in the share price to buy. Asda and Tesco were also in the four most popular stocks. Fisons attracted bargain hunters during its recent financial problems, becoming the third most popular stock. ShareLink itself was floated during 1993 and the company took sixth place in the table as many of its customers bought shares.

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SIMON WALKER

Alberto della Valle, manager of the Hyde Park Hotel's Park Room restaurant, puts the final touches for last night's Rotten Row Ball, for which 250 guests paid £145 a head

Renewed threat of Disney closure

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

THE spectre of closure of the lossmaking Euro Disneyland theme park near Paris has been raised for the second time in three days by Michael Eisner, chairman of the Walt Disney Corporation, 49 per cent owner of the park.

Euro Disney shares tumbled 32p to 346p as Mr Eisner told a French magazine: "If an aeroplane engine lets you down during a flight, what are the options? Everything is possible today, including closure."

His remarks swiftly followed a warning in Walt Disney's annual report that it would allow the project to fold rather than inject unlimited cash. But some observers suggest the chairman may be orchestrating pressure on its 60 creditor banks. Euro Disney is trying to secure a financial restructuring with its banks, to which it owes 20.3 billion francs. The troubled theme park, which has attracted criticism of American cultural imperialism, lost Fr5.3 billion in its first full trading year to September 30.

Mr Eisner told the French weekly, *Le Point*: "We (Walt Disney) have always said we would support Euro Disney up to March 31, 1994. If an equitable accord is found by then between Walt Disney and all the banks and investors, Euro Disney will continue. That would be a happy ending in the Disney tradition. But, if not, then there will be a more difficult ending."

Many observers still believe the park itself will survive even if Euro Disney collapses, as the creditor banks seek a return, however diminished, on their investment.

One analyst said: "If Euro Disney does fail, I think the banks may think it is better to get some sort of return in the short term, before financing costs, and then hope for a longer term recovery."

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ICI's recession prophet hails 'opportunity year'

BY NEIL BENNETT



Sir Denys: positive view

THE new year should be "a year of real opportunity for British industry", according to Sir Denys Henderson, chairman of ICI, in his most positive comments on business conditions since the recession began in 1989.

In a New Year message to ICI staff, Sir Denys said that there are signs of growth in Britain and America and that business confidence worldwide has had a considerable boost from the Gatt deal. However, he said that conditions in continental Europe would remain very tough since German was "in a manic depressive phase" and that ICI must continue to drive down costs to remain competitive.

The past year had been the most important for ICI since its formation in 1926, as the group completed demerger from Zeneca, its pharmaceuticals side. "A little dullness would not come amiss now," Sir Denys said. "We would like a period of constant economic growth for the next 18 months so we can benefit from the many changes we have made to the business."

Over four years, Zeneca and ICI have shed 35,000 staff and reorganised many businesses to cut costs. ICI is expected to continue shedding businesses and swapping assets with other chemical producers.

Sir Denys was one of the first business leaders in 1989 to predict Britain's descent into recession and in recent months has been one of the most reluctant to agree that the economy was recovering. In 1992, he poured scorn on remarks by Norman Lamont, then Chancellor, that there were green shoots of recovery.

"We were still being cautious during the summer, even though we were seeing signs of a modest pick-up," Sir Denys said. "We have been guarding against euphoria, but there is no doubt now that the US has had a pretty good year and our business there has seen quite a pick-up. In the UK, lower interest rates have cheered our customers up, but they are still having difficulty if they sell into Europe. Add this to the Gatt agreement, and it makes me much less pessimistic."

Tangible Gatt benefits were unlikely before 1995, but agreement was far better than "more uncertainty".

ICI had seen no improvement in Germany's economy. "The Germans are in a manic depressive phase and they will need to see lower interest rates. There is not much sign of a pick up there and not much sign of them becoming more competitive," Sir Denys said.

East Anglia top for rate of growth

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE South East suffered more from the recession during 1992 than any other region in Britain, but Scotland, Northern Ireland, the North, Yorkshire, Humberside and East Anglia all increased their contributions to the economy, according to the Central Statistical Office.

East Anglia has been the top performer over the past decade, in terms of growth in its contribution to gross domestic product, while the North West has shown the steepest fall. The latest CSO *Economic Trends* also showed a fall in Surrey's contribution to the economy for the first time in more than a decade and a continuation of the long-term decline on Merseyside.

Although the South East was badly battered by the recession, it still accounted for more than a third of the entire economy in 1992, with Greater London contributing about 15 per cent of the total. The county with by far the highest GDP per head in 1991, as in other years, was Greater London. At £12,400, it was 46 per cent higher than the UK average. This reflected not only the dominance of the capital city as an industrial and commercial centre, but also the inclusion of commuters' wages and salaries.

Nevertheless, Greater London and the South East have seen their GDP per head, relative to the UK average, fall for three successive years. East Midlands also saw a drop in 1992.

Over the last decade, there have been numerous shifts in trends in different regions. Scotland's GDP per head relative to the UK average rose during the early 1980s, declined continuously from 1984 to 1989, but now seems to be on an upward trend. Greater London worsened at the beginning of the decade, then began to recover and is now declining again.

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How many magpies on your lawn?

Some people, usually those of rural descent, talk to magpies. Sight of one magpie, so the fable goes, heralds sorrow but, thankfully, one can guard against such fate by doffing one's hat and politely uttering the words: "Good morning, Mr Magpie." The magpie, equally thankfully, says nothing. By way of contrast, sight of two magpies heralds joy. I mention this because, at the time of writing, it would appear that almost everyone — with the notable exception of the 2.8 million unemployed — is surrounded by a couple of magpies.

Seldom has a new year been rung in on such optimistic chimes. Goodbye recession, hello recovery — should you not already have exchanged pleasantries. The current economic scenario has been well daubed (with not a little encouragement from the Government) but permit me to recap swiftly. Retailers have reported their best winter sales figures since the late 1980s, while the Halifax has predicted that house sales might well expand by 15 per during 1994 with prices expected to rise by an average of 5 per cent. The Institute of Directors' post Budget dip-stick has produced strong traces of mounting optimism fuelled, in part, by the successful conclusion of the Gatt negotiations. Economists, unusually, are not entirely at odds with the Treasury's forecast of 2.5 per cent GDP growth, the range being 1.5 per cent to 3 per cent. Inflation, we are informed, is a demon tamed; believe it if you will.

Against this background, UK equities are breaking all-time highs: the culmination of a runaway bull market powered, since the exit of sterling from the ERM in the autumn of 1992, by the prospect of falling interest rates. Wall Street, with the Dow Jones registering a 14 per cent plus last year, has played a significant role, with London not only benefiting from the coat-tails ride but also from the flow of, arguably, hot money into UK counters.

Hopes are high for a further cut in base rate — reduced to 5.5 per cent shortly before Kenneth Clarke's November Budget — conceivably within a matter of weeks. Clouds — solitary magpies, so to speak — still hover, the darkest embracing the threat of higher US interest rates (to curb the demon), the weakness of much of continental Europe's economy (the Banesto affair is hardly bell ringing stuff) and the oncoming impact of Lamont/Clarke's fiscal measures which amount to the equivalent of a 7p increase in income tax over three years.

Over at Nomura, Nick Knight, the strategist who got the equity market right in 1993 with a consistent FT-SE prediction of 3,500, is forecasting 3,700 by the end of the month and 4,000 by the year end. Magpies on each shoulder. Knight expects the Dow Jones to appreciate from 3,775 to "in excess of 5,000" during 1994.



MELVYN MARCKUS

Sir Denys Henderson, chairman of ICI, emerged from a spell of bird watching yesterday to pronounce that 1994 should be a year of "real opportunity" for British industry. Henderson, an industrialist not given to magpie exaggeration, reports that "some signs of growth" are at last visible in the UK and the US. But what of small businesses? Thursday heralded the most macabre item of new year cheer, courtesy of business information enterprise, Dun & Bradstreet. The *good news* is that business failures in 1993 have fallen by some 11 per cent — the first decline in five years. Also good is the estimate that 1993 witnessed some 400,000 "start-ups" — an uptick of 13 per cent. The *bad news* is that the casualty list amounts to the thick end of 56,000 — double the average, over the past decade, of 28,000.

I have, in the days of Polly Peck, wine and roses, been accused (quite correctly) of being beastly to a certain sector of industry; namely that which pressed funds upon the likes of Robert Maxwell and chose to fuel the property fiasco of the early nineties, learning nothing from an all too similar fiasco in 1973-74, the one which transformed not a few Bank of England executives into a bunch of lifeguards.

And I have to confess that, when I read of 1,000 firms disappearing each week my thoughts, instinctively, turned to the banks and to their custodian, the Bank of England. As *The Times* reported last Wednesday, the Bank recently completed a three-month investigation into widespread allegations that the clearers failed to support small firms during the recession. Such allegations have — needless to say — been dismissed, the Bank's most serious criticism being that the clearers are lacking in the art of communication.

Governor Eddie George is understood to have focused on the perceived "equity gap" — the clearers arguing that too much funding relates to bank loans or overdrafts. This perspective has not been well received by the small business community; two thirds of which is intent on retaining equity control.

What the Bank's findings (yet to see the light of day) do not focus on is the gap that fascinates businessmen more than any other, namely that between base rate and what they are charged. Allegations that the clearing banks have failed to fully pass on the benefits of lower base rates have already been responsible for one major political storm and, if you heed the small business community, a major political whitewash.

So, with industry agog about lower new year interest rates, I polled the Big Four as to their rates to industry's minnows.

☐ NatWest: Maximum of 6.5% above base.

☐ Barclays: Typically 3% to 6% over base, with a maximum premium of 7.5%-8%

☐ Lloyds: Standard rate 11.04%. Preferential rate: 9%.

☐ Midland: Average premium of 2.86% above base, the spread being between 2% and 6%.

I strongly advise small businessmen to remember their manners when they are next confronted with a magpie.

Let us hope for a joyous new year.

Production from £1bn Britannia gasfield delayed

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

FIRST production from Britannia, one of the biggest North Sea gasfields, is to be delayed until late 1998, a year later than originally planned, to extract greater value from the venture, according to Jim Briggs, the Britannia project director.

Jeff Tetlow, project team manager, put the capital savings from the delay at "between £50 million and £100 million" on the expected £1 billion-plus price of bringing the huge field into production.

The decision coincided with a further slump in oil prices. Agreement by Russia to co-operate with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to stabilise prices failed to prevent the oil price slipping to a new five-year low as 1993 came to a close.

Market focus on the prospect of continuing oversupply pushed the benchmark February price for Brent crude to $13.20 on the International Petroleum Exchange in London, the lowest since November 1988.

Mr Briggs denied that the delay to Britannia, which will be jointly operated by Chevron and Conoco, the American oil companies, on behalf of a 12-strong consortium, had been caused by the Scottish political campaign to have gas from the field landed at St Fergus, near Peterhead.

He said that location of the landfall for Britannia gas and liquids had not been decided, nor would it be until the product was sold and the customers' preferred delivery point was known.

The project group is considering four landfall options for siting a terminal — St Fergus; Teesside, northeast England; the Dutch port of Eemshaven; or a location in Denmark.

St Fergus is in the constituency of Alex Salmond, the Scottish National Party leader and MP, who described proposals to site the terminal at Teesside as "the great gas robbery".

The Britannia field, 130 miles north-east of Aberdeen, holds about 2.5 trillion cubic feet of recoverable gas, and up to 200 million barrels of condensate and natural gas liquids.

Negotiations are under way with prospective buyers of the gas in Britain and on the Continent and the project team foresees the delay providing more time to consider more potential customers.

Condensate, of which Britannia has big reserves, is to be separated at the single platform, and will either be sent via the oil pipeline laid from BP's Forties oilfield to Cruden Bay, Aberdeenshire, or by the sub-sea line running from Piper Bravo to Flotta, Orkney. Another option would be to use a concrete platform, with massive undersea storage chambers, and load the light-oil on to tankers from a buoy.

On world oil markets, dealers said that the Russian deal with Said bin Ahmed al-Shanfari, the Omani oil minister whose Opec co-operation plea was rejected by Britain and Norway this week, was unlikely to have any early effect, given the weight of market pressures bearing down on the oil price.

At the start of last year, Brent fell below $18 a barrel after $21 the previous autumn. The fall in price has started to do damage, creating serious problems for Metallgesellschaft, the German metals group, over oil hedging deals, and forcing Norway, western Europe's biggest oil producer, to raise interest rates to defend its currency.

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Banesto buy-ins reported



Happier days: Mario Conde, dismissed chairman of Banesto, Spain's fourth-biggest bank, in 1990

BY OUR WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THE emergency administration installed at Banco Español de Credito (Banesto) to keep Spain's fourth-largest bank afloat is understood to have found that it bought back its shares far in excess of permitted levels as it tried to support their foundering price.

Executives from rival banks sent in by the Spanish central bank on Tuesday, after a 500 billion peseta (£2.4 billion) gap was found in Banesto equity funds, are considering a temporary equity injection under a restructuring plan.

Morgan Stanley says that recapitalising Banesto requires 100-150 billion pesetas.

The authorities are committed to ensuring Banesto's survival as an independent institution in the medium term, but analysts say that it will have to attract new equity to replace the injection from the banking system. Eventually, the government is expected to let Banesto be taken over by a domestic rival or a foreign bank.

Luis Angel Rojo, the central bank governor, in what were seen as optimistic remarks to parliament, said that the hole in Banesto funds was not the amount that the banking system would have to contribute to a restructuring, because Banesto could recover part of its bad loan portfolio and count on big capital gains.

Banesto said that net withdrawals since Tuesday's dismissal of Mario Conde, its chairman, and the board were 50 billion pesetas, with no difficulty in meeting demands.

Hints of problems yet to surface came in reports that Banesto built up treasury stock, or shares bought back but not cancelled, possibly exceeding 30 per cent of total shares. Regulations limit treasury stock to 5 per cent.

BUSINESS BULLETIN

Healthcare deals halted

SHARES in Healthcare Holdings, the private medical facilities group, were suspended at 14p at its request pending publication of accounts and during negotiations on a "significant corporate transaction". The market speculated that there may be a reverse takeover by a private business. Healthcare, capitalised at £1.5 million at the suspension price, said that it is in talks with several parties. It is also discussing possible financial restructuring with its lenders. The company said that it has decided to delay publication of its results for the 18 months to June 30, given the substantial impact that the two sets of talks may have on finances and trading prospects.

Rothmans drops plan

ROTHMANS International, the tobacco group, which planned a new Far East company to incorporate its interests in Singapore, Malaysia and North Asia, says it will not now apply to the Singapore High Court to sanction the proposals. This follows the plan's rejection by shareholders. The group said that while a new regional headquarters would be established in Hong Kong, the original plan was being taken "back to the drawing board". Its strategic plan for Far East markets "remains very much in place".

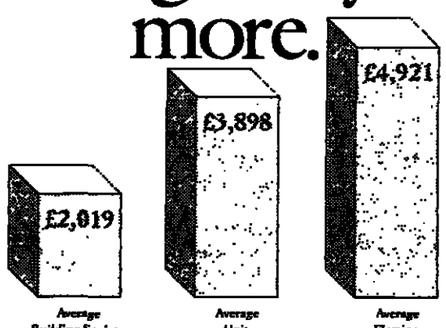
Danka buys AOE

DANKA Business Systems, the US-based office equipment supplier, is expanding its American copier operations with the acquisition of American Office Equipment Company (AOE), a copier dealer based in Chicago, Illinois, for a maximum of $9.3 million. AOE, which operates 11 branches throughout the Chicago metropolitan area and northern Indiana, made an operating profit of $1 million last year, on sales of $28 million, and had net assets of $2 million. Danka shares firmed 1p to 319p.

Correction

THE photograph used yesterday to illustrate the announcement that Brian Pearse, chief executive of Midland Bank, had received a knighthood was not of Sir Brian but of Sir Peter Walters, chairman of the bank. We apologise to both men for the error and to Professor Roy Goode, CBE, whose photograph was also incorrectly captioned.

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Scottish Heritable claims court win

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SCOTTISH Heritable, the industrial conglomerate, said it had won an $8.5 million legal judgment in America against KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountancy firm.

The company, of which Roger Shute, formerly of BM Group, recently became temporary chief executive after acquiring a stake of almost 10 per cent, said yesterday that a Federal Court jury in Dallas, Texas, had decided in its favour on a claim alleging that audited financial statements of Rangaire Corporation had been materially mis-stated.

Scottish Heritable said it had used the statements, audited by KPMG, in deciding to buy 50 per cent of Rangaire in 1988. The jury decided the auditors had not fraudulently violated US securities laws, but had been negligent in 1987 and 1988 audits of Rangaire.

Shares in Scottish Heritable have been suspended at 5p since November, pending clarification of the finances. The company said it should realise £3.5 million from the judgment. It is not known whether KPMG will appeal.

Scottish Heritable said refinancing talks with its bankers continued, and a further statement would be made shortly.



Shute: 10 per cent stake

Asda director quits after long illness

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

PETER Monaghan, retail director of Asda, is leaving the supermarket group after a prolonged illness. Mr Monaghan, who joined Asda from B&Q in August 1992, has been suffering from a viral infection for several months.

Paul Dowling, Asda's corporate affairs director, said: "It is very unfortunate, but as Peter has been ill for some time, we mutually decided that it would be better that he went."

His quiet departure contrasts sharply with his arrival at the supermarket group, which caused controversy because he had already provisionally agreed to join Gateway, the rival grocery chain. However, Archie Norman, Asda's chief executive, who knew Mr Monaghan from his days at Kingfisher, insisted that no formal contract with Gateway had been signed.

Asda said no decision had been made on a financial settlement. Mr Monaghan was on a three-year rolling contract, but it is unlikely that this will be paid off in full.

In addition to his basic salary, Mr Monaghan holds 3.2 million share options, exercisable at 25p. He was granted a further 1 million options under a long-term incentive plan, exercisable at just 0.01p from July 1996, provided that certain performance targets were met. All these options are expected to lapse.

David Shriver, food retailing analyst at NatWest Securities, said of Mr Monaghan: "He is a loss. He is a main board member and one of Archie's generation. The turnround at Asda in the last two years has been nothing less than remarkable and the credit for that goes not just to Archie but to his whole team."

Asda's shares slipped 1p to 551/2p.

Flextech link-up hands control to US

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

FLEXTECH, the cable television group, yesterday confirmed a tie-up with TCI, its much bigger US counterpart, by which the Americans take a controlling interest in return for injecting their European interests into the British company.

Programming assets of the TCI subsidiary, United Artists European Holdings, include Bravo, the satellite channel, and stakes in UK Gold, UK Living, and The Children's Channel. They make Flextech one of the largest suppliers of programmes to cable and satellite television, with the enlarged group having an interest in five of the 12 channels in the basic BSkyB multi-channel package.

The group, which until the summer of last year was an oil services company, has made no secret of its aim to become a major cable and satellite player.

Under the deal, TCI will take a 60.4 per cent stake in Flextech via the issue of 52.35 million new shares. The shares are now worth £201.6 million. Fred Vierra, TCI executive vice-president, is one of three new American representatives on Flextech's board, and senior management of United Artists Europe will take over day-to-day running of the British company.

TCI, capitalised at more than £10 billion, is to put up £36.5 million in loans and cash to help develop the channels.

Roger Luard, who remains Flextech managing director, said: "As a result of this merger, Flextech will become a leading supplier of programming to the UK satellite and cable industry and believes it is now well-placed to capitalise on the many opportunities offered by this fast-developing industry."

Yesterday's announcement emphasised that the channels would remain in the red until a big enough subscriber base was established. Flextech said that investors would receive no dividends for 1993, 1994 or 1995. The group also disclosed that it had increased, from 49.5 per cent to 86.9 per cent, its stake in IVS, which owns or controls five cable franchises in the UK. The franchises cover 260,000 homes in Oxford, Stafford, Andover, Salisbury and Jersey.

Flextech shares are suspended at 379p pending shareholder approval of the merger on February 1.

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Richard Lawson and Myra Kinghorn are both committed to projecting a positive image for their scheme to compensate wronged investors

If the staff of the Investors Compensation Scheme ever need reminding why they are there, they only have to look at the office wall. Pinned up are newspaper pictures of Roger Levitt, Robert Miller (Dunsdale Securities), Kenneth Renton (Waverley Fund Management), Denis Dale Greaves and Lionel and Dorothy Genn. Many of these faces are all too familiar to members of the public who invested with them then lost millions of pounds, in some cases, when the companies collapsed.

The Investors Compensation Scheme has paid out £58 million in the last five years to 6,400 investors who lost money at the hands of firms offering wonderful investment opportunities. This payout may sound generous but the ICS continues to come under attack from other investors who believe it is blocking legitimate claims.

Arguments about who funds the scheme also continue to rage. The resultant bad publicity does not please Myra Kinghorn, the ICS's energetic chief executive. After five years on the defensive, she is now leading a public relations offensive to relay ICS's achievements to the outside world. There is another urgent but unspoken reason why the ICS wants all the good PR it can get in 1994. In a planned radical overhaul of regulation, the ICS could be broken up into smaller schemes run by separate regulators. Some people will need a lot of convincing that a single central scheme should remain. Miss Kinghorn is fully supported by Richard Lawson, the quiet spoken ICS chairman, but the idea of promoting the ICS is firmly stamped "Kinghorn".

Miss Kinghorn said: "We've got to get the message through to investors that we're there, we're looking after them as well as we can and for those who haven't quite hit our desks yet, to give them confidence that the scheme does work and the final safety net is there." Investors and the financial services industry, which pays for the ICS, are being wooed with what Miss Kinghorn describes as "magic messages" through the scheme's annual report.

The "think positive" campaign will need work. Miss Kinghorn, who describes herself as an optimist, has certainly needed to be in her time at the ICS. The scheme has been criticised, particularly by investors who have lost money, for a too narrow interpretation of its rules and has had several high profile court hearings to define exactly who qualifies for payouts.

Home income plans tested the scheme up to the limit. Thousands of elderly people were wrongly advised in the late-1980s to mortgage their homes and invest the resulting lump sum in investment bonds from insurance companies or brokers marketing the schemes. The idea was that income from the bonds would more than meet mortgage repayments, but a falling stock market meant the bonds lost value and the income failed to cover the mortgage. Some people faced repossession. Many of the firms selling the plans collapsed, leaving the ICS to pick up the pieces. In 1993 alone, it has paid out £20 million to 1,600 investors.

The huge cost of compensating investors defrauded or misadvised by supposedly regulated firms has taken everyone by surprise and horrified many who see the need for compensation as confirmation that regulation has failed. But Miss Kinghorn and Mr Lawson, in their "think positive" mode, see the massive bill as proof of the scheme's success, although they freely admit that no one had foreseen how much it would cost. Mr Lawson said: "None of the directors fully appreciated what we would be hit with."

The scale of the first payout gave little indication of future horrors. It is almost exactly five years since Allied Equity, a firm regulated by the Investment Managers Regulatory Organisation (Imro), gained the dubious distinction of being the first to be declared in default by the ICS. (Firms must be declared in default before compensation can be paid). Miss Kinghorn, an accountant, remembers that 54 investors were paid £274,664 after it emerged that clients' money was invested in high risk instruments without their knowledge.

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She said: "When the scheme started, we only had the Stock Exchange scheme, overseas schemes and the compensation schemes from building societies and banks. No one knew the cost, the regulations were fairly new... It was ground-breaking stuff".

And it was the down-to-earth Miss Kinghorn whom the Securities and Investments Board chose to cut the first sod in August 1988 of a scheme, hastily dreamt up by politicians. Under its rules, investors stand to get back a maximum of £48,000 if they are found to be victims of fraud or negligence. The ICS is still the only scheme to pay out on grounds of negligence. Miss Kinghorn was seconded to set up the scheme with "half a secretary" and found herself consoling distraught investors. Then, as now, those who have lost money are obviously shocked and upset, and Miss Kinghorn sees it as an important part of the ICS's role to offer sympathy. She said: "They have lost their security, they often feel duped."

This is all in complete contrast to a previously quiet existence as a banking specialist at Arthur Young (now Ernst & Young), the chartered accountant, and spells in industry. She had already managed to escape working in the local pickle factory — the fate of many of her contemporaries — near Newcastle upon Tyne, where she grew up. Instead she took a degree in history and librarianship. She said: "I think I liked picking books actually. I thought teaching was going to be quite my forte and I thought I could run the school library at the same time. I had great energy at the time."

Her colleagues at the ICS say this energy has never left her. It is also obvious that she loves running things. She is chief executive of an organisation with 68 staff, having been taken on full time in February 1990 when claims started to rise. Miss Kinghorn no longer picks up the phone to as many investors, which she regrets, but keeps close tabs on how the other staff are handling cases.

She is firmly in the day-to-day driving seat, "throwing up all the balls and keeping them there". Richard Lawson spends only two days a week in the chair at ICS, which suits Miss Kinghorn. She likes to think of herself as calm and organised. Does she really need a chairman? Could someone as capable as her not handle that role herself? Certainly not. She values the support of Mr Lawson, with whom she has been working for five years and gets on with him "exceedingly well". As far as she is concerned the roles of chairman and chief executive are quite clear and distinct. "My job is to do the day-to-day running of the scheme and to keep him informed of any salient, sensitive points he might want to follow up. He oversees our operation but he doesn't want to get involved in the day-to-day operation. It would be quite improper for a chairman to get involved like that. All he needs to know is that the right things are being brought to the board on a timely basis and that we're keeping everybody informed."

Richard Lawson has "a wealth of experience in the City, excellent contacts and very polished skills at meetings," according to Miss Kinghorn. And so he should. Apart from a short spell at ICI just after leaving school, he has spent his whole life in the City, firstly at Greenwell & Co, now Greenwell Montagu, where he rose to become senior partner, then as deputy chairman of the Stock Exchange, followed by the Securities Association. He has been a director of ICS since 1989, but has only been its chairman since 1992. The City has changed a lot since the 1960s, when, although there were no self-regulatory bodies, senior partners in firms made sure in-house rules were obeyed. Anyone caught churning portfolios or dealing in forbidden ways was out. A far cry from now, when the majority (86 per cent) of the claims ICS are forced to pay on are for churning, negligent advice or, in fewer cases now, plain fraud by firms of brokers who are, in theory, regulated.

If he feels a passing regret for the old days when someone's word really was their bond and firms minded about their reputation, he does not say so. Criticism does not appear to come easily to Mr Lawson. He is positive about the efforts of the Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra) to weed out firms that could potentially put investors at risk. He is hopeful that the present deplorable record of Fimbra members, which represent 86 per cent of the numbers of defaulters, will improve and the number of defaults fall.

Colleagues at the ICS describe Mr Lawson as modest, almost diffident, reluctant even to cultivate companies sufficiently to get a string of directorships, although he has the contacts to do so. He does not want to compete with Miss Kinghorn for the limelight, where she is obviously more comfortable than he is. His working relationship with her is one of "mutual respect". "We get on extraordinarily well. We discuss practically everything. We argue sometimes about the approach but there is no point-scoring. We want to do whatever is right for the scheme."

Old Lady unlikely to receive the perfect birthday present

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE Bank of England celebrates its 300th birthday this year, and is commemorating the fact with a series of special events. In the course of three centuries, from being a mere channel for government borrowing, the Bank developed into the model for central banks all over the world.

It secured its Royal Charter on July 27, 1694, after City merchants raised £1.2 million to finance William III's war with France. It opened for business a few days later in temporary accommodation in the Mercers' Hall, in Cheapside. In 1734, it acquired its present site in Threadneedle Street.

The Bank's early years were dominated by the government's pressing demands for money and the issue of new coinage. But it also established a conventional banking business such as accepting deposits. As evidence of deposits, it issued banknotes that gradually became a widely accepted currency, and in 1844 it was given a formal monopoly of note issue in England and Wales.

However, this limited the Bank's ability to develop its commercial business, so it concentrated on its central banking role. In a series of banking crises in the nineteenth century, it established the concept of lender of last resort, mobilising its resources — and the City's — when the financial system was threatened.

The Bank has survived many physical hazards. In 1780, it was attacked by a mob, prompting the government to provide it with an overnight military guard — a tradition that continued until 1973. It also survived Second World War bombing raids, as well as the two more recent City bombs.

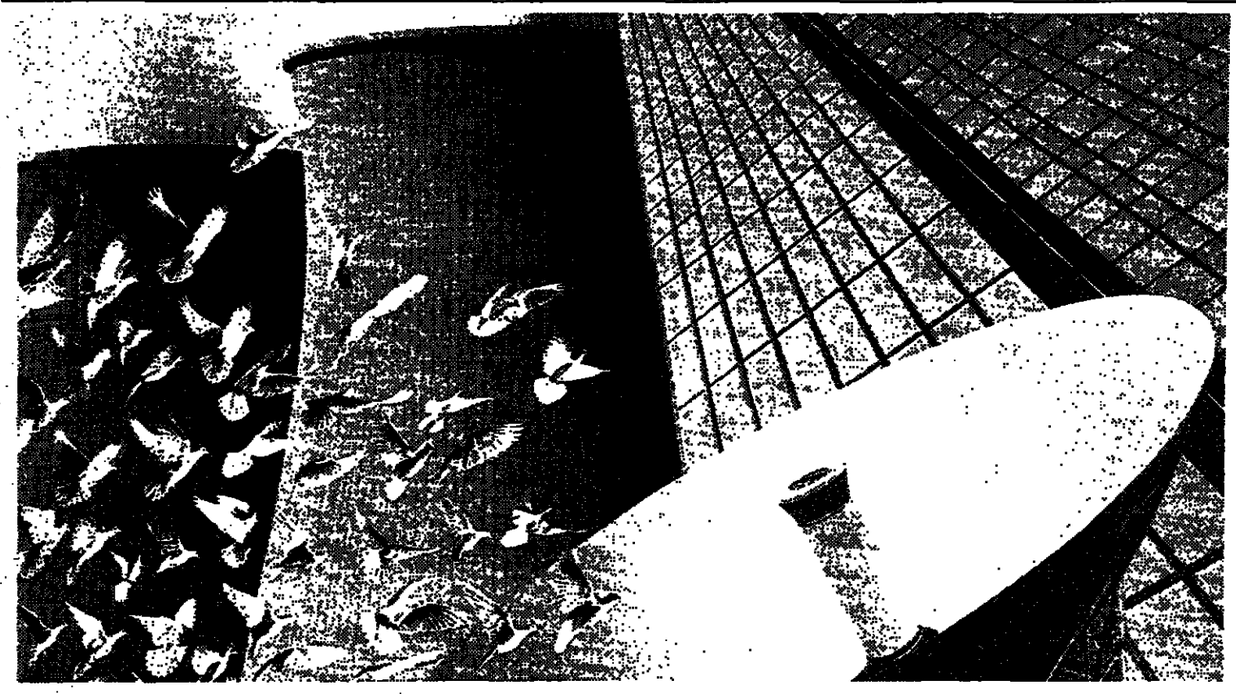
Its year-long anniversary celebrations include the issue of a commemorative £2 coin and a new £50 note, which will carry a portrait of Sir John Houblon, the Bank's first governor.

However, if the Bank is looking for the ultimate 300th birthday present — independence — it may be disappointed.



William III: cash need

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Goldman spoils New Year's Eve party

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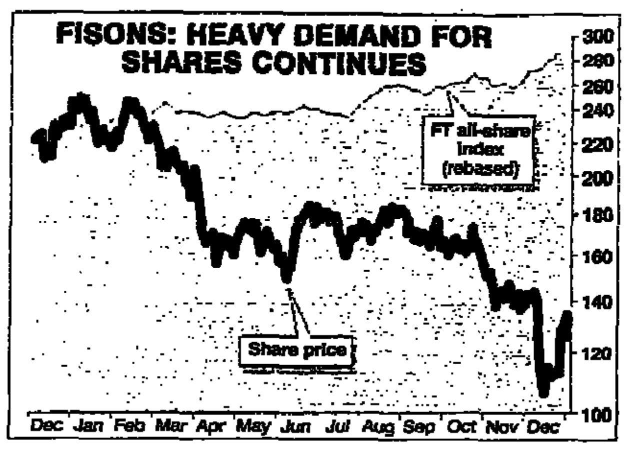
HOPES that shares prices could end 1993 on a high note were effectively scuppered by Goldman Sachs, the American securities house, which appears to have taken the view that the London stock market is starting to look expensive.

Goldman yesterday began hedging its bets by heavily selling the financial future. The effect was felt immediately in the cash market, where the FT-SE 100 index gave up an early 16.5 point lead to end the last day of 1993 down 10.4 points at 3,418.4. This still represents a rise on the record-breaking three-week account of 157.1 points: the rise on the year is an impressive 571.9, or 20 per cent. Analysts' forecasts for 1994 range from 3,500 to 4,000.

Technical factors also played a major part in yesterday's shortened trading session. Dealers reported around mid-morning that trading screens had turned blue as leading shares were chased higher. But these gains were quickly wiped out and replaced with small losses. The fluctuations were attributed to the unravelling of over-the-counter options which have generated much of this week's volatility in the market place.

OTC options are new to London, but have become established on Wall Street. They allow institutions to buy and sell parcels of shares with a set value against the index. In effect it is a process of hedging positions already established in the cash market against volatile movements.

Swiss Bank Corporation, Goldman Sachs, Salomon Brothers and UBS specialise in this form of trading which, it is claimed, offers the client flexibility and anonymity compared with the conventional traded options market.



Turnover in the cash market was a low-key affair. By the close of business, 277 million shares had changed hands. **Fisons**, which has been one of the most actively traded stocks this week, added a further 2p to 134p, after touching 137p, as almost 6 million shares traded. A hard core of investors still see Fisons as a recovery play, following a dismal 1993. This week has also seen a revival of bid speculation. Brokers say the sharp fall in the share price has left the company vulnerable to a bid.

Babcock International attracted plenty of support for the new account starting on Tuesday, with the price firming ¼p to 32¾p. A total of 2.1 million shares were traded. Supporters claimed that worries about the dividend have been overdone.

Eurotunnel advanced another 13p to 610p in response to this week's decision by the French and British governments to extend the group's franchise to operate the link by ten years.

Asda slipped 1p to 55½p on news that Peter Monaghan had resigned as retail director. An Asda spokesman said he had been ill for the past six months after a viral infection.

Shares of USM-quoted **Flextech** were suspended at 379p awaiting shareholder approval for the proposed merger with United Artists' European programming operation.

Shares of **Healthcare Holdings** were also suspended, at 1¾p, pending publication of the group's delayed accounts. Healthcare says it is in talks with several parties which may lead to a significant deal.

First-time trading in **Friends Provident Ecclesiastical Investment Trust** saw the units close at 123p, a 3p premium on the 120p offer price.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Gilts traded in narrow limits with the March series of the long gilt firming £1/16 to £120 11/32 on turnover of 2,125 contracts. There was demand for index-linked stock with supplies of both this week's issue of Index-Linked 2½ per cent 2001 and Index-Linked 4 3/8 per cent 2004 exhausted. In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 hardened £3/16 to £127 17/32, while in shorts Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was unchanged at £116 5/32.

MICHAEL CLARK

Dow higher at midday

New York — Wall Street shares traded slightly higher at midday on a quiet New Year's Eve. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.15, at 3,782.03. Most institutions had wrapped up the year's business, analysts said.

☐ Sydney — The Australian share market ended the year at a post-1987 crash high as strong sentiment and active options trading boosted many leading stocks. The all-ordinaries index was up 19.1, nearly 1 per cent, at 2,173.6.

☐ Singapore — The Straits Times Industrials index ended 1993 buoyantly, closing up 35.07, at 2,425.68. *(Reuter)*

	Dec 31 midday	Dec 30 close
AMP Inc	63¼	62¾
AMR Corp	67⅛	67⅛
Abbott Labs	29⅝	29⅝
Aetna Life	60⅜	60⅜
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅜	19⅜
Air Prod & Chem	44⅜	44⅝
Albertson's	27⅛	27⅛
Alcan Aluminum	21	21
Alco Standard	54⅞	54
Allied Signal	79⅝	80
Alum Co of Am	69¾	69⅞
Amax Gold Inc	7	7
Amerada Hess	45	45
Amer Brands	33⅛	33⅜
Amer Cyanamid	50⅜	50⅞
Amer El Power	37⅛	37⅛
Amer Express	31⅛	31⅛
Amer Genl Corp	28⅛	28⅛
Amer Home Pr	65	65
Amer Intl	88⅜	88⅜
Amer Stores	43⅜	44⅛
Amer T & T	52⅝	52½
Ameritech	77⅛	77⅛
Amoco	53⅛	53⅛
Anheuser-Busch	49⅝	49⅛
Apple Computer	29⅛	28⅝
Archer Daniels	23⅛	23⅛
Arkla	7⅛	7⅛
Armco	6	5⅞
Armstrng Wrld	54	54⅜
Asarco	22⅛	22⅛
Ashland Oil	34½	34⅛
Atl Richfield	104⅛	103⅞
Auto Data Pro	56⅜	56
Avery Dennison	29⅝	29⅛
Avon Products	48⅛	48⅛
Baker Hughes	20⅛	20⅛
Baltim Gas & El	25⅛	25⅜
Banc One	39	38⅛
BankAmerica	47	46⅛
Bank of NY	57	57
Bankers Tr NY	80	80⅛
Barnett Banks	41½	41½
Bausch & Lomb	51½	51½
Baxter Intl	24⅜	24⅛
Becton Dickinsn	36	36⅛
Bell Atlantic	60⅛	60⅞
BellSouth	58⅞	58⅛
Black & Decker	19⅝	19⅛
Block (H&R)	41	40⅛
Boeing	43⅛	43½
Boise Cascade	23⅝	23⅛
Borden Inc	17⅛	17
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅜	58½
Browning Ferris	25⅛	25⅛
Burlington Nthn	57⅜	57⅛
CBS	291	287
CNA Financial	78	78⅛
CPC Intl	48½	48
CSX	84	83
Campbell Soup	41½	41½
Can Pacific	16⅛	16¼
Cptl Cities ABC	620	622¼
Cptl Holdings	37⅛	37⅛
Carolina Pwr	30⅛	30⅛
Caterpillar	89⅞	90⅛
Central & SW	30⅛	30⅛
Champion Intl	33⅞	33⅜
Chase Manhtn	34⅛	34⅛
Chemical Bk	40⅜	40⅛
Chevron Corp	87⅞	88⅛
Chrysler	53⅛	53⅛
Chubb Corp	78⅛	78⅛
Cigna Corp	63⅛	63⅛
Citicorp	37⅛	37⅛
Clorox	54⅞	54½
Coastal Corp	28	27⅞
Coca Cola	45	44⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	62	61½
Columbia Gas	22⅞	22⅛
Commonw Ed	28⅛	28⅛
Compaq Comp	74½	74⅛
Comp Ass Int	40⅜	40⅜
Conagra	26⅛	26⅛
Cons Edison	32⅜	32⅜
Cons Nat Gas	46⅞	45⅛
Cons Rail	67⅛	67⅛
Cooper Inds	49⅝	49⅛
Corning Inc	27⅝	27⅛
Crown Cork	41⅛	41½
Dana Corp	58⅛	58⅜
Dayton Hudson	66⅛	67
Deere	74⅛	73⅝
Delta Air Lines	55⅞	54⅝
Deluxe Corp	36⅛	36⅛
Detroit Edison	30⅛	30⅛
Digital Equip	34½	34½
Dillard Dept St	36⅛	36⅛
Disney (Walt)	43⅜	43⅛
Dominion Res	45⅞	46
Donelley (RR)	30⅛	30⅛
Dover Corp	60⅜	60⅛
Dow Chemical	57⅛	57⅛
Dow Jones	36	35⅝
Dresser	20⅜	20⅞
Duke Power	43½	43⅛
Dun & Brdstreet	61⅞	61⅜
Du Pont	49	48⅛
Eastman Kodak	56⅛	56⅛
Eaton Corp	52⅛	51⅞

	Dec 31 midday	Dec 30 close
Emerson Elec	60⅛	60⅛
Engelhard Corp	24⅛	24⅛
Enron Corp	29⅛	29⅛
Enserch Corp	35⅞	35⅛
Ethyl Corp	17⅛	17⅛
Exxon	63⅛	63⅝
FMC Corp	47⅜	47⅞
FPL Group	39⅛	39⅛
Federal Express	71	71¼
Fed Nat Mtge	78⅜	78⅞
First Chicago	43⅛	43⅛
First Interstate	64⅛	64⅛
First Union Rlty	10	9⅞
Fleet Fnl Grp	33⅛	33⅛
Fluor Corp	40⅛	40⅜
Ford Motor	64⅛	64⅛
GTE Corp	35⅛	35⅛
Gannett	57⅜	57⅛
Gap Inc Del	40	40⅛
Gen Dynamics	94	93⅛
Gen Electric	105⅛	105⅛
Gen Mills	60⅜	60⅞
Gen Motors	55⅛	55⅝
Gen Reinsurance	107⅛	106⅛
Gen Signal	34⅛	34½
Genuine Parts	37⅛	37⅛
Georgia Pac	69⅛	69⅛
Gillette	59⅛	58⅞
Glaxo ADR	21⅛	21⅛
Goodrich (BF)	40	39⅛
Goodyear Tire	45⅛	45⅛
Grace (W&R)	40⅛	40⅛
Grt Atl Pac Tea	27⅛	27⅛
Great Wstn Fin	19⅛	19⅛
Halliburton	32⅛	32⅛
Harcourt General	36⅛	36⅛
Heinz (HJ)	35⅛	35⅛
Hercules	113⅛	113⅛
Hershey Foods	48⅛	48⅛
Hewlett Packard	78⅞	78⅞
Hilton Hotels	60⅜	60⅞
Home Depot	39⅛	39⅛
Homestake Mng	22	22
Honeywell	33⅛	33⅜
Household Intl	32⅛	32⅞
Houston Inds	47⅝	47⅛
Humana	17⅛	17⅛
ITT Corp	92⅛	91¼
Illinois Tool	39⅛	39⅛
INCO	26⅞	26⅞
Ingersoll Rand	39⅛	39⅛
Inland Steel	33⅞	33⅛
Intel Corp	63	63
IBM	57⅛	57⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	113⅛	113⅛
Intl Paper	68⅛	68⅛
James River Va	19⅛	19⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44⅞	45
K Mart	21⅛	21½
Kellogg	57⅛	57⅛
Kerr-McGee	45⅞	45½
Kimberly-Clark	51½	51
Knight-Ridder	59⅛	59⅞
Lilly (Eli)	59⅛	59⅛
Limited Inc	17	17⅛
LIN Brdcsting	111	111
Lincoln Nat	43⅞	43
Litton	64⅛	64⅛
Liz Claiborne	22⅛	22⅛
Lockheed Corp	69⅛	69
Louisiana Pac	41½	41
MCI Commun	28⅛	28
Marriott Intl	28⅛	28⅛
Marsh & McLnn	82	81½
Masco Corp	38⅛	38⅛
May Dept St	39⅛	39⅛
Maytag Corp	18⅛	18⅛
McCaw Cellular	50⅞	50⅛
McDonalds	58	57⅛
McDonnell D	108⅛	107⅞
McGraw Hill	68⅛	67⅛
Mead Corp	45	44⅛
Medtronic	83⅞	83⅛
Mellon Bk	53⅛	53⅛
Melville Corp	41⅛	41⅛
Merck Inc	34⅛	34⅛
Merrill Lynch	42⅛	42⅛
Minnesota Mine	109⅛	108⅞
Mobil Corp	80⅛	79⅞
Monsanto	73⅛	74¼
Morgan (JP)	69⅛	69⅛
Motorola Inc	93⅛	92¼
Natl Medical	14	14⅛
Natl Semi	16	15⅞
Natl Service Ind	26⅛	26⅞
Navistar Intl	23⅛	23⅛
NBD Bancorp	30⅞	30⅞
NY Times A	26⅛	25⅞
Newmont Mng	57⅞	57⅞
Niag Mohawk	20⅛	20⅛
Nike B	45⅞	45⅛
NL Industries	4⅛	4⅛
Nordstrom	32⅛	33
Norfolk Sthrn	71½	70⅞
Nthn State Pwr	43⅛	43⅛
Norwest Corp	24⅛	24⅛
Nynex Corp	40⅛	40⅛
Occidental Pet	17⅛	17⅛
Ohio Edison	23⅛	23⅛
Oracle Systems	29⅛	29⅛

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Oryx Energy Co	17⅛	17⅞
Owens Corning	44½	44⅞
PNC Financial	29⅛	29
PPG Industries	75⅜	75⅞
Paccar Inc	61⅛	61
Pacificorp	19⅛	19⅛
Pac Enterprises	23⅛	24⅛
Pac Gas & Elec	35⅛	35⅛
Pac Telesis	54½	58⅛
Pall Corp	18⅛	18
Panhandle Eas	23⅛	23⅛
Paramount Comm	77⅛	77⅛
Parker Hannifin	37⅛	37⅛
Penney (JC)	51	52⅛
Pennzoil	53⅞	53⅛
Pepsico	41⅛	41½
Pfizer	69⅛	69⅛
Phelps Dodge	48⅛	48⅛
Philadel Elec	30⅛	30⅛
Philip Morris	55⅛	55⅛
Phillips Pet	29⅛	29⅛
Pitney Bowes	41⅞	41⅛
Polaroid	33⅛	34
PriceCostco	19⅛	19⅛
Primerica	39	37⅛
Procter & Gambl	57⅞	57⅛
Pub Serv E & G	32⅛	32⅛
Quaker Oats	71½	70⅞
Ralston Purina	37⅛	37⅛
Raychem Corp	37⅛	37
Raytheon	66⅛	66⅛
Reebok Intl	30⅛	29⅛
Reynolds Metals	45⅞	45
Roadway Srvcs	60	59⅛
Rockwell Intl	37	37
Rohm & Haas	56⅛	56⅛
Royal Dutch	105⅛	105⅞
Rubbermaid	35⅛	35⅛
Safeco Corp	54⅞	54⅛
St Paul's Cos	90⅛	89⅞
Salomon Inc	47⅛	47⅛
Santa Fe Pac	22⅛	21⅛
Sara Lee Corp	25⅛	25⅛
Scecorp	20⅛	20⅞
Schering Plough	68⅛	68
Schlumberger	59⅞	59⅞
Scott Paper	41½	41⅞
Seagram	26⅛	26⅛
Sears Roebuck	53⅛	53⅞
Shell Trans	64⅜	64⅛
Sherwin Wlms	36½	36⅞
Skyline Corp	19⅛	19⅛
Snap-On-Tools	38	38⅛
Southern Co	44⅞	44⅛
Sthwestern Bell	43	42⅛
Sprint Corp	34½	34⅛
Stanley Works	43⅞	43⅛
Sun Company	29⅛	29⅛
Suntrust	45⅛	44⅛
Supervalu	36⅛	36⅛
Syntex Corp	16	16⅛
Sysco Corp	29⅛	28⅛
TRW Inc	69⅛	69⅛
Tandem Comp	10⅛	11
Tandy Corp	49⅛	49⅛
Telecom Corp	2⅛	2⅛
Teledyne	26⅛	26⅛
Temple Inland	50	50
Tenneco	52⅛	51⅞
Texaco	65	65
Texas Inst	64⅞	64
Texas Utilities	43⅛	43⅛
Textron	58⅛	59⅛
Time Warner	44⅛	44⅞
Times-Mirror	33⅛	33⅛
Timken	33⅛	33⅛
Torchmark	45⅛	44⅛
Toys R Us	41⅛	40⅛
Transamerica	57⅛	57⅛
Travelers Corp	34⅛	30⅛
Tribune	60⅛	60⅛
Tyco Labs	50	50⅛
UAL Corp	145⅞	145⅛
UST Inc	27⅛	27⅛
USX Marathon	16⅛	16⅛
Unilever NV	116⅛	116
Union Camp	47⅛	47⅛
Union Carbide	22⅛	22⅛
Union Pacific	63⅛	62⅛
Unisys Corp	12⅛	12⅛
USAIR Group	12⅛	12⅛
USF&G Corp	14⅛	15⅛
US Life	39⅛	38⅛
US West	46⅛	46⅛
United Tech	62	61⅞
Unocal Corp	27⅛	27⅛
Upjohn	29⅛	29⅛
VF Corp	46	45⅛
WMX Tech	26⅛	26⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	25⅛	25⅛
Warner-Lambert	67⅛	68⅛
Wells Fargo	130⅛	130⅛
Westinghouse El	14⅛	14
Weyerhaeuser	45⅛	44⅛
Whirlpool	66⅛	66⅛
Whitman	16⅛	16
Winn Dixie	53⅛	53
Woolworth	25⅛	24⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44⅛	44⅛
Xerox	89⅛	89⅛

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND
US $ .... 1.4780 (+0.0014)
German mark ...... 2.5688 (+0.0087)
Exchange index .... 81.8 (+0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET
FT-SE 100 .... 3418.4 (-10.4)
Dow Jones .... 3782.03 (+6.15)*
Nikkei Avg .... Closed

INTEREST RATES
London Bank Base 5½%
3-month Interbank 5⅜-5 5/16%
US Federal Funds 2⅞%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.00-2.98%*
Long Bond 6.36%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.4775*	£:$ 1.4812
$:DM .. 1.7392*	£:DM 2.5691
$:SWfr 1.4875*	£:SWfr 2.1904
$:Ffr 5.9192*	£:Ffr 8.7290
$:Yen .111.67*	£:Yen 165.66
£:SDR ...... n/a	£:ECU 1.3243

London Forex market close

GOLD
London Fixing ($):
AM 390.25 .... PM n/a
Close 390.50-391.00
New York:
Comex .... Closed

OIL
Brent Crude .... $13.25 per bbl (Feb)

RETAIL PRICES
RPI: 141.6 Nov (1.4%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

Resort given deadline for filing accounts

By Carl Mortished

SHAREHOLDERS in Resort Hotels, which called in Ernst & Young to investigate its accounts after suspending share dealings last July, might have to wait until the end of next month to see any financial statements for the group.

Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, has given Resort until February 28 to file accounts for the year to last April. At yesterday's annual meeting, David Tonkinson, the chairman, said no accounts could be presented because it had not been possible to obtain a final valuation of Resort's properties.

"I appreciate that you must be feeling frustrated," he said. Investigations had been carried out by Ernst & Young, the accountancy firm, by Coopers & Lybrand, the company's auditor, and by Gouldens, the firm of solicitors.

Mr Tonkinson said the meeting had been delayed until December 31 in the hope that it would be possible to send shareholders a circular. The aim had not been to hold the meeting "on an inconvenient day and in an inconvenient place".


A court order is sought to oust Robert Feld from the board

Resort has applied to the High Court to remove Robert Feld, the company's founder, from the board. Mr Tonkinson replaced Richard Strong, the former chairman, in August, and in December the company lost Tim Barker, a non-executive director and vice-chairman of Kleinwort Benson. At the same time, BZW resigned as financial adviser to the company.

RECENT ISSUES

Aberforth Split Lvl C (100)	100½	...
Abtrust Lloyds Insce (100)	94	...
Azlan (230)	265	...
CLM Insce (100)	*106*	...
Celltech (250)	224	...
Chelsfield (155)	182	...
DFS Furniture (260)	319	-1
Fairbairn Euro Smlr (100)	98	...
Fenchurch (180)	179	-4
Finsbury Undrwrtng Inv	109	...
For & Col Smaller (100)	109½	...
Friends Prov Ethical (60)	60	...
Friends Prov Uts (120)	*123*	...
Friends Prov Zero Pf (60)	63	...
Gartmore (168)	205	...
Govett Emerging C	117	...
Govett High Inc (100)	112	-1
Harmony Leisure Wts	4	...
Inspirations (100)	108	...
Kleinwort 2nd Endw (50)	52	...
Litho Supplies (190)	236	...
London Industrial (320)	354	...
Masthead Insce (100)	108	+1
Mercury World Mng (100)	107	...
Millgate (40)	40	...
Morgan Gren Eqty C (100)	109½	+½
NM Smllr Aust (100)	105	...
Nelson Hurst (140)	*148*	...
New London Capital (100)	99	...
On Demand Info (78)	113	+1
Pilot Inv C (100)	104	+1
Premium Trust	99	+1
Premium Underwriting	122	...
Rossmont (10)	11½	...
Royal Doulton	228	-1
Securitised End Cont (60)	61	...
Telspec (160)	192	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bemrose n/p (325)	93	...
Bourne End n/p (65)	8	...
Bowthorpe n/p (320)	34	...
Heywood Wllms n/p (280)	127	-2
Hillclare n/p (36)	2½	...
NFC n/p (195)	36	+1
Sheldon Jones n/p (25)	7	...
Tay Homes n/p (145)	58	+4
West Trust n/p (32)	5	...
Wyevale Garden n/p (152)	19	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Mitel	372p (+10p)	Macdn Martin 'A'	390p (-10p)
Frost Group	259p (+9p)	Allied Lyons	680p (-10p)
Linton Park	338p (+8p)	Guinness	477½p (-15½p)
Fairline Boats	320p (+10p)	Merrydown Wine	220p (-10p)
Pendragon	285p (+11p)	J Billam	203p (-14p)
Haynes Pub	343p (+8p)	Glaxo	725p (-9p)
Exp Co Louis	37p (+9p)	Euro Disney	346p (-32p)
Sappi	473p (+9p)	Inchcape	553p (-9p)
Warner	301p (+8p)	Rothmans	479p (-11½p)
Cater Allen	608p (+9p)		
Gerrard Nat	468p (+8p)		

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UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 071 538 8800				
Series Mngd Fd	451.30	477.60	+3.10	...
Series Equity	578.90	612.60	+1.80	...
Series Prop Fd	424.80	449.60	+0.70	...
Series Fixed Int	337.20	356.90	+1.90	...
Series Money Fd	244.40	258.70	+0.50	...
Series Oseas Fd	348.10	368.40	+7.10	...
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 2-12 Pentonville Road, London N1 9XD 0800 010575				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.53	18.46	+0.02	...
Bear	20.27	21.34	-0.23	...
Owl	20.51	21.59	-0.22	...
Bull	18.51	19.49	-0.27	...
Stag	19.36	20.38	-0.30	...
Gilt Edged	19.85	19.85	-0.27	
Deposit	15.42	15.42	+0.01	
Pensions				
Squirrel	23.49	24.73	+0.03	...
Bear	27.50	28.95	-0.36	...
Owl	27.83	29.30	-0.36	...
Bull	23.79	25.05	-0.42	...
Stag	24.15	25.43	+0.45	...
Gilt Edged	24.52	24.52	+0.34	...
Deposit	19.66	19.66	+0.03	
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	996.46	996.47	+8.67	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	354.14	372.78	+6.12	...
N Amer Equity	296.03	311.62	+4.85	...
Far East Equity	433.54	456.36	+9.39	...
Fixed	311.15	327.53	+4.46	...
Cash Deposit	198.87	209.34	-0.22	...
Property	147.09	154.84	-0.27	...
Special Opp	355.59	374.31	+6.08	...
Managed	314.86	331.44	+4.48	...
Index-Linked Fd	201.80	212.43	+2.08	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	267.00	281.10	+6.70	...
-do- Acc	487.70	513.40	+12.40	...
Equity Fd Inc	179.30	188.80	-2.20	...
-do- Acc	232.70	245.00	-2.80	...
Selective Fd	498.40	524.70	+7.10	...
Money Fd	365.30	384.60	...	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	379.90	399.80	+9.60	...
Equity Ser 4	220.50	232.20	-1.80	...
Man Ser 4	683.20	719.20	+9.00	...
Conv Ser 4	319.40	336.20		...
Money Ser 4	319.10	335.90	...	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	363.80	383.00	-2.10	...
American Ser 4	511.60	538.60	+12.40	...
High Inc Ser 4	678.80	714.60	+6.20	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	222.70	234.50	-2.20	...
Japan Ser 4	330.90	348.40	-1.20	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1605.6	1690.1	+10.30	...
European Fd Acc	365.30	384.50	+1.60	...
Fixed Int Acc	566.30	596.00	-3.30	...
Gtd Money Acc	324.30	341.50	-0.20	...
Intl Managed Acc	599.00	630.40	-9.30	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	335.60	353.20	-11.90	...
Japan Fund	267.50	281.60	-0.80	...
N American Acc	325.60	342.70	-7.70	...
Prop Fd Acc	401.80	422.90	+0.40	...
Multiple Inv Acc	1072.4	1128.9	-9.40	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	361.30	380.40	+0.30	...
Equity Acc	1444.9	1521.0	+21.00	...
Property Acc	515.20	542.40	+0.60	...
Far East Acc	354.50	373.20	+17.00	...
Managed Capital	555.40	584.70	+7.50	...
-do- Acc	1117.3	1176.2	+15.20	...
Overseas Acc	962.40	1013.1	+12.00	...
Gilt Edged Acc	505.80	532.50	+3.80	...
Amer Equity Acc	751.00	790.60	+16.90	...
Amer Man Acc	320.30	337.20	+7.00	...
Amer Prop Acc	115.40	121.50	+1.80	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 0494 463463				
Reserve Ser 5	149.70	157.50	+2.00	...
Balcd Ser 5	713.00	750.50	+9.50	...
Opportunity Ser 5	163.10	171.60	+2.80	...
Distribution Ser 5	109.70	115.40	+1.10	...
UK Equities Ser 5	992.50	1044.7	+11.00	...
Higher Inc Ser 5	1064.9	1120.9	+3.70	...
North Amer Ser 5	439.10	462.20	+14.20	...
Far East Ser 5	573.90	604.10	-27.50	...
Europe Ser 5	364.00	383.10	-1.80	...
Intnl Ser 5	566.60	596.40	+15.90	...
Property Ser 5	520.60	548.00	+11.60	...
Fixed Int Ser 5	431.90	454.60	+3.70	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S5	190.50	200.50	+1.50	...
Gteed Dep Ser 5	288.20	303.30	+0.10	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 081 534 5544				
Equity Acc	858.20	903.40	+8.90	...
-do- Initial	585.40	616.30	+6.10	...
Gilt Edged Acc	407.80	429.30	+2.80	...
-do- Initial	280.60	295.40	-1.90	...
International Acc	408.90	430.50	+8.50	...
-do- Initial	279.50	294.30	+5.80	...
Managed Acc	532.90	561.00	+8.60	...
-do- Initial	365.60	384.90	+5.90	...
Money Acc	282.70	297.60	+0.30	...
Property Acc	280.00	294.80	+23.10	...
-do- Initial	190.80	200.90	-15.70	...
America Acc	291.10	306.50	+7.50	...
Australia Acc	221.60	233.30	+13.40	...
Financial Acc	343.10	361.20	+4.10	...
500 Accum	441.00	464.30	+5.30	...
Japan Genl Acc	324.60	341.70	-1.40	...
Income Acc	530.00	557.90	+3.30	...
Leisure Acc	229.90	242.00	-1.40	...
Special Sits Acc	237.40	249.90	-2.20	...
Unit Tech Acc	158.50	166.90	+3.90	

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834000				
The Managed Fd	818.77	818.77	+7.57	...
Income Fund	773.98	814.72	+3.10	...
Extra Income	706.06	743.23	+2.25	...
Worldwide Gth	520.31	547.70	+11.33	...
Balanced Fund	677.03	712.67	+4.01	...
Smllr Cos Recov	651.85	686.16	+7.20	...
N Amer & Genrl	381.22	401.29	+9.05	...
Pacific Basin	518.23	545.51	+15.69	...
German Growth	233.88	246.19	...	...
Japan Growth	160.85	169.32	-1.94	...
The UK Gth Fd	213.32	224.55	+1.16	...
Contl Euro Gth	129.71	136.54	+0.91	...
Property Fund	371.73	391.30	+2.30	...
Fixed Interest	333.27	350.82	+2.37	...
Cash Fund	275.34	289.84	+0.18	...
Managed Inv	497.00	523.16	+4.74	...
Nth Amer Recov	248.13	261.19	+7.81	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Gth	511.38	538.30	+22.52	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 0475 868000				
Measured Perf	166.20	175.80	+2.40	...
Performance Plus	161.30	170.60	+2.00	...
With Profit Perf	165.60	175.20	-0.20	...
UK Opportunity	185.00	195.70	+0.30	...
Euro Opportunity	212.00	224.30	-2.10	...
North Amer Opp	163.80	173.30	+2.70	...
Far East Opp	217.50	230.10	+8.80	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	140.60	148.00	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	166.70	176.40	+1.10	...
Fixed Int	198.40	209.90	+1.20	...
Cash	152.20	161.00	-0.10	...
Overseas	185.80	196.60	+2.40	...
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 51122				
Equity Growth	238.60	...		
Managed	330.00	347.50	+5.10	...
Property	222.00	233.80	+9.20	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	261.40	275.30	+2.70	...
Equity	365.20	384.50	+6.70	...
Cash	212.10	223.30	+0.10	...
CLife Euro Mgd	373.60	393.30	+5.70	...
CLife Intl Fd	358.20	377.10	+2.30	...
For Cannon see Lincoln National				
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 0908 606101				
Property Fund	181.20	190.80	...	...
Managed Fund	629.80	663.00	...	...
Equity Fund	358.60	377.50	...	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	291.60	307.00	+4.00	...
Ruby	164.50	173.20	+3.80	...
Emerald	150.00	157.90	+1.00	...
Equity	334.10	351.70	+0.70	...
Property	196.60	207.00	-2.40	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	224.20	236.00	+1.10	...
Indexed Secs	177.60	187.00	+1.50	...
Cash	181.90	191.50	-0.10	...
Nth American	216.60	228.00	-8.40	...
Far East	361.20	380.30	+24.80	...
International	231.60	243.80	+6.00	...
Special Sits	316.20	332.90	-7.30	...
Intl Income	297.40	313.10	-1.00	...
American Inc	193.30	203.50	+6.90	...
European	302.60	318.60	+4.20	...
Japanese	123.90	130.40	-0.80	...
SE Asia	423.90	446.30	+28.10	...
With Profits Reg	154.20	162.40	-0.30	...
-do- Spec	154.20	162.40	-0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	334.50	341.60	+3.50	...
Equity	389.70	410.30	-0.30	...
Property	185.30	195.10	+1.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	275.20	289.70	-1.40	...
Index Linked	189.30	199.30	-1.50	...
Cash	240.30	253.00	-0.20	...
Nth American	266.00	280.10	+7.30	...
Far East Acc	308.30	324.60	+4.10	...
International Acc	298.20	313.90	+6.60	...
Special Sits	453.40	477.30	+6.90	...
European Flex	420.20	442.40	+3.40	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Units)-Key	1224.18	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker	1311.66	...	...	...
-do- Cash	198.96	209.43	+0.43	...
-do- Equity	551.10	590.11	-10.17	...
-do- Fxd Int	389.84	410.36	+2.91	...
-do- Managed	398.56	419.54	+6.68	...
-do- Property	351.71	370.22	+1.85	...
(Pens)- Cash Cap	206.99	217.90	+0.01	...
-do- Cash Inv	293.31	308.76	+0.21	...
-do- Equity Cap	1517.9	1597.8	+21.59	...
-do- Equity Inv	2150.9	2264.1	+32.09	...
-do- Fixed Cap	427.18	449.68	+2.54	...
-do- Fixed Inv	605.32	637.18	+4.09	...
-do- Index Cap	221.07	232.66	+2.17	...
-do- Index Inv	314.33	331.10	+3.30	...
Mngd Cap	600.16	631.76	+7.20	...
Mngd Inv	850.43	895.20	+10.80	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	1729.28	...	+35.95	...
Var Ann (5)	895.34	...	+3.06	...
Prime Managed	412.40	434.20	-0.90	...
Prime UK Equity	494.40	520.50	-4.50	...
Prime Intl Equity	317.10	333.80	+2.20	...
Prime Property	209.90	221.00	-1.40	...
Prime Fxd Int	259.20	272.80	-1.90	...
Prime Index-Lnk	187.40	197.30	+2.40	...
Prime Cash	199.50	210.10	-0.20	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744540				
Managed Fund	1143.3	1203.4	-16.90	...
Equity Fund	1665.8	1753.4	-34.90	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	606.00	637.80	+5.80	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	387.00	407.30	+2.60	...
Life Equity Acc	840.90	885.10	+6.30	...
Life Money Acc	293.30	308.70	...	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	870.00	915.70	+17.40	...
Life Intl Acc	502.90	529.20	+5.30	...
Life High Inc Acc	811.30	854.00	+3.60	...
Life Property Acc	256.30	269.70	-11.40	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1285.3	...	...	...
Brewin Equity	721.40	759.30	+15.70	...
Life Equity Acc	234.00	246.30	...	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	170.30	179.30	+0.20	...
Blue Chip Fund	245.30	258.20	+2.20	...
-do- Series 2	158.50	166.90	+1.70	...
Adventurous Fd	220.20	231.80	+9.40	...
-do- Series 2	166.50	175.30	+7.20	...
Performance Fd	249.40	262.60	+4.80	...
-do- Series 2	162.50	171.10	+3.20	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	152.00	160.10	-0.60	...
UK Equity Fund	161.70	170.30	+0.30	...
Property Fund	108.30	114.10	-0.30	...
Envrnmntl Opps	158.90	167.30	+0.10	...
Euro Fund	176.10	185.40	-0.20	...
North Amer Fd	197.30	207.70	+4.50	...
Oriental Ops	259.50	273.20	+14.80	...
Japanese Fund	116.10	122.30	+1.10	...
Bd & West Life	118.40	124.70	-0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	130.70	137.60	-0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND *60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111*				
Eagle/Mid Uts	277.70	287.80	-1.00	3.15
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	315.40	332.10	+3.90	...
UK Equity	423.40	445.70	-3.20	...
Stewardship	354.40	373.10	+2.80	...
Overseas Equity	283.20	298.20	+6.00	...
North American	153.00	161.10	+3.50	...
Pacific Basin	170.90	179.90	+7.90	...
European	201.30	211.90	-0.40	...
Property	198.00	208.50	+8.90	...
Fixed Interest	249.30	262.50	+1.50	...
Index Linked	177.20	186.60	-1.70	...
Cash	194.50	204.80	-0.20	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	351.60	370.20	+9.70	...
GT Plan Wwide	536.20	564.50	-17.00	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 628982				
Managed	211.90	232.90	+2.00	...
Unitised Profit	127.50	134.10	-0.20	...
UK Equity	286.00	300.90	+0.70	...
Fixed Int	213.00	224.10	-1.40	...
Index-Linked	176.90	188.20	+1.80	...
Cash Deposit	169.90	178.70	...	...
Property	173.50	192.50	+5.10	...
International	195.20	205.40	-1.20	...
American	159.70	168.10	+3.10	...
Japan	228.00	239.90	+2.00	...
Japan Smllr Cos	233.40	245.60	-2.00	...
European	181.40	190.90	-2.00	...
Pacific Fund	331.10	348.40	+20.50	...
Conv Life	141.50	148.90	-0.50	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	729.50	729.50	+6.80	...
-do- Inv A	729.40	767.80	+7.10	...
UK Equity	413.20	435.10	-1.70	...
Gilt Plus	221.80	233.60	-0.70	...
Managed	320.30	337.20	+3.20	...
Inter Man	285.20	300.30	+4.20	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	722.70	752.90	+24.20	...
Managed Initial	495.90	522.10	+5.10	...
-do- Acc	692.60	729.10	+7.50	...
Equity Initial	724.80	762.80	+7.10	...
-do- Acc	1012.0	1065.3	+10.40	...
Fixed Int Initial	482.60	508.00	+3.50	...
-do- Acc	674.00	709.50	+5.30	...
Intl Initial	478.20	503.40	+11.20	...
-do- Acc	667.80	703.00	+16.00	...
Nth Amer Initial	187.90	197.80	+0.60	...
-do- Acc	238.80	251.40	-8.50	...
Pacific Initial	257.00	270.50	+6.10	...
-do- Acc	323.60	340.60	+7.90	...
Property Initial	164.20	172.80	+3.10	...
-do- Acc	229.30	241.40	-4.90	...
Index-Lnkd Initl	174.00	183.10	-1.90	...
-do- Acc	221.10	232.70	+2.50	...
Deposit Initial	195.20	205.50	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	272.70	287.00	+0.20	...
Euro Initial	101.10	106.50	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	119.80	125.10	-1.00	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200454				
Managed	170.20	179.10	+1.60	...
-do- Pens	210.10	221.10	+2.90	...
UK Equity	170.00	178.90	+3.30	...
-do- Pens	194.30	204.50	+4.60	...
International	147.90	155.50	-3.20	...
-do- Pens	160.30	168.70	-1.90	...
Deposit	136.70	143.90	-0.10	...
-do- Pens	160.00	168.40	+0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	384.80	405.40	+3.40	...
North America	358.20	381.10	+10.60	...
Far East Fund	719.90	765.90	+33.00	...
Global Managed	496.10	527.80	+8.60	...
Deposit Fund	223.40	235.20	+0.20	...
Prime Residential	126.00	132.70	...	...

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European Fund	260.20	276.90	+1.30	...
Fixed Interest	71.40	76.00	...	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	520.30	550.60	+1.30	...
British Fund	537.20	568.50	+0.40	...
International	526.80	557.50	+11.50	...
Dollar Fund	370.80	392.40	+6.80	...
Capital Fund	478.80	506.70	+3.70	...
Income Fund	722.70	764.80	-1.00	...
Property Series A	427.20	452.10	+12.70	5.60
Property Units	698.60	733.60	+20.30	...
Financial Fund	613.20	648.90	+7.40	...
Managed Ser A	555.00	587.40	+4.20	...
Managed Units	993.50	1045.8	+7.30	...
High Yield Fund	688.40	728.50	+1.90	...
Money Series A	279.80	296.10	+0.10	...
Money Units	369.70	389.20	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	631.00	667.80	-4.90	...
Fixed Interest	405.20	428.80	+1.30	...
Indexed Secs	196.50	208.00	+1.40	...
European Fund	735.00	777.80	-0.70	...
Natural Res	301.10	318.70	+11.60	...
Far East Fund	646.40	684.10	-22.70	...
Smaller Cos	489.20	517.70	+8.10	...
Special Sits	450.00	476.20	+0.40	...
Man Currency	255.40	270.30	+0.60	...
Japanese Tech	235.80	249.60	+2.10	...
US Smaller Cos	215.70	228.30	+6.90	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	564.20	593.90	..	...
Global Property	263.30	277.20	..	...
Global Fixed Int	546.90	575.70	..	...
Global Equity	601.50	633.20	..	...
Global Cash	207.20	218.10	..	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	516.20	543.30	+3.60	...
Property	457.00	481.00	-0.60	...
Managed	425.40	448.80	+5.10	...
American	404.30	425.50	+11.00	...
UK Equity Fd	463.10	487.40	+3.30	...
Japan	196.40	206.70	+2.60	...
Index-Lkd	193.00	203.10	+1.80	...
High Yield	870.20	916.00	+3.70	...
Growth Cap	467.30	491.80	+3.60	...
Money	391.40	412.00	-0.30	...
International	394.80	415.50	-8.50	...
Henderson Active	224.80	236.60	+4.10	...
Perpetual Active	334.00	351.50	+9.50	...
Growth Cap	467.30	491.80	+3.60	...
-do- Acc	666.30	701.30	+7.70	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	135.10	142.30	...	...
-do- Acc	181.00	190.60	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Init	145.40	153.10	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	175.10	184.40	-0.80	...
Cash Initial	167.40	176.30	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	279.70	294.50	-0.20	...
Equity Initial	690.30	726.70	+10.30	...
-do- Acc	1153.1	1213.8	+17.30	...
Fixed Initial	385.10	405.40	-2.50	...
-do- Acc	643.40	677.30	-4.30	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	147.90	155.70	-1.10	...
-do- Acc	210.70	221.80	+1.50	...
Intl Initial	362.90	382.00	-7.50	...
-do- Acc	596.80	628.20	+12.60	...
Managed Initial	501.10	527.50	-1.90	...
-do- Acc	837.00	881.10	+3.10	...
Property Initial	202.70	213.40	-8.40	...
-do- Acc	338.70	356.60	+14.10	...
LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND 113 Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5000				
Managed Fund	367.20	386.60	+4.30	...
UK Equity	599.80	631.40	+5.70	...
Property	295.30	311.10	+5.60	...
Money Market	245.60	258.60	-0.20	...
Fixed Interest	348.30	366.70	+3.50	...
Japan	366.10	385.40	-5.20	...
North America	181.60	170.20	-3.50	...
International	313.40	329.90	+5.00	...
European	277.70	292.40	-0.90	...
Far East	143.10	150.70	-4.00	...
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£130.32	...	+0.80	...
Property Units	£126.59	...	-0.02	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£66.90	£70.42	+0.83	...
2nd Equity Acc	656.50	691.00	+7.30	...
2nd High Inc Ac	625.90	658.90	-0.40	...
2nd Property Acc	243.10	255.90	-0.30	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	189.30	199.30	-1.40	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	482.70	508.10	-5.30	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	239.00	251.60	+3.80	...
2nd Deposit Acc	273.10	287.40	...	...
2nd Gilt Acc	327.70	344.90	+2.70	...
2nd Amer Acc	701.00	737.90	+25.50	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	258.00	271.60	-1.00	...
2nd Index Acc	217.70	229.20	+2.80	...
2nd Far East Acc	464.00	492.60	+13.80	...
2nd Global Acc	187.00	196.80	+5.80	...
2nd Euro Acc	163.20	171.80	+0.80	...
2nd Japan Acc	191.10	201.20	-3.10	...
2nd Heritage Acc	71.70	75.40	-0.10	...
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	162.00	170.50	+1.00	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	131.60	138.50	+0.80	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£935.90	...	+13.70	...
Fixed Interest	£439.60	...	+4.00	...
Property	£355.70	...	+0.50	...
Deposit	£283.40	...	-0.30	...
Mixed	£602.30	...	+7.80	...
Indexed Stock	£220.20	...	+2.30	...
International	£289.10	...	+4.20	...
Equity A	£217.50	...	+3.20	...
Fixed Int A	£195.40	...	+1.80	...
Property A	£156.60	...	+0.20	...

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Deposit A	£166.80	...	-0.10	...
Mixed A	£198.30	...	+2.60	...
Index Stock A	£177.40	...	+1.80	...
International A	£180.90	...	+2.60	...
Equity P	£787.50	...	+13.90	...
Fixed Int P	£570.80	...	+5.10	...
Property P	£293.60	...	+0.60	...
Deposit P	£330.30	...	+0.30	...
Mixed P	£562.30	...	+8.00	...
Index Stock P	£257.30	...	+2.30	...
International P	£337.10	...	+5.80	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282466				
Inv Trust Cap	£658.20	...	+18.00	...
-do- Acc	£1056.9	...	+30.10	...
Property Cap	£145.10	...	...	...
-do- Acc	£224.90	...	+0.20	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£223.90	...	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	£348.60	...	+2.80	...
Equity Cap	£341.40	...	+6.00	...
-do- Acc	£537.90	...	+10.20	...
Internatl Cap	£248.00	...	+4.70	...
-do- Acc	£387.20	...	+7.70	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£168.40	...	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	£259.40	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£368.60	...	+6.00	...
-do- Acc	£579.30	...	+10.00	...
Moneymaker Fd	£454.40	...	+7.10	...
Capital Growth	£1719.8	...	+33.30	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	420.60	441.80	+13.90	...
Amer Rec Bond	477.10	501.30	+14.60	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	239.10	251.20	+13.10	...
Australasia Bd	240.30	252.50	+15.10	...
Commodity Bond	311.60	327.20	+14.40	...
Deposit Bond Acc	351.90	369.50	+0.20	...
Equity Bond Acc	1489.8	1564.4	+19.30	...
European Bd Acc	368.50	387.10	-0.20	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	748.60	786.20	+10.60	...
Far East Bd Acc	355.50	373.50	+17.50	...
Gilt Bond Acc	494.00	518.80	+6.00	...
Gold Bond Acc	178.70	187.80	+10.80	...
High Yield Bond	358.90	377.00	+0.70	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	228.40	240.00	+3.10	...
International Bd	753.40	791.20	+18.70	...
Japan Bond Acc	249.60	262.20	-1.70	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	239.90	252.00	-0.30	...
Managed Bonds	895.60	940.50	+16.50	...
Prop Bond Acc	360.40	378.50	+3.00	...
Rec Bond Acc	739.70	776.80	+1.20	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	240.50	253.20	+3.40	...
UK Equity Acc	328.40	345.70	+4.70	...
Special Sits	95.50	100.60	+1.90	...
Special Sits Acc	130.40	137.30	+2.50	...
North American	186.40	196.30	+4.50	...
N American Acc	254.60	268.00	+6.30	...
Pacific Basin	404.30	425.60	+14.20	...
Pacific Basin Acc	552.20	581.30	+19.80	...
Fixed Interest	316.10	332.80	+1.90	...
Fixed Interest Acc	432.20	455.00	+3.00	...
Property	162.50	171.10	+5.50	...
Property Acc	222.30	234.00	+7.70	...
Deposit	152.00	160.00	...	...
Deposit Acc	208.30	219.30	+0.20	...
Managed	275.00	289.50	+4.50	...
Managed Acc	346.20	364.50	+6.00	...
MANULIFE GROUP St Georges Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	722.50	760.50	+15.70	...
Property Fund	481.90	507.30	+1.00	...
Equity Fund	931.70	980.70	+26.20	...
Gilt Edged Fd	660.10	694.80	+8.90	...
Deposit Fund	321.20	338.10	-0.40	...
Investment Fd	395.50	415.30	+11.00	...
International	552.30	581.40	+9.40	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS St Bartholomew House, Lewins Mead Bristol BS1 2NH 0272 266 366				
Property	430.70	453.30	+1.10	...
UK Equity	358.60	377.40	+10.00	...
Gilt Edged	649.30	683.40	+11.70	...
Interest Fund	370.50	390.00	-0.90	...
UK Fund	514.90	542.00	+14.50	...
Intl Equity	648.90	683.00	+34.40	...
Intl Managed	601.60	633.20	+29.60	...
North American	218.10	229.50	+4.50	...
Far East	528.40	556.20	+34.60	...
Intl Currency	269.00	283.10	+2.20	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	150.50	158.40	+2.10	...
Fixed Interest	572.70	602.80	+6.30	...
Managed	718.50	756.30	+10.50	...
Deposit	330.30	347.60	-0.20	...
Property	405.80	427.10	+0.40	...
American	415.70	437.50	+6.60	...
Australian	533.10	550.60	+16.60	...
European	528.20	556.00	+1.90	...
Global Managed				
Income Acc	802.50	844.70	+9.00	...
-do- Dist	513.20	540.30	+7.80	4.44
International	324.70	341.70	+6.90	...
Japan Smaller	459.00	483.10	-3.40	...
Singapore & Mal	416.00	437.80	+13.30	...
Smaller Cos	404.70	426.00	+6.50	...
Tokyo Fund	613.10	645.30	-4.50	...
UK Equity	623.70	656.50	+8.30	...
CCM Vangd Mg	759.30	799.20	+5.40	...
Equity Pens Cap	1049.3	1104.4	-18.70	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	492.10	518.00	+7.10	...
UK Equity	619.20	651.80	+5.30	...
Overseas Equity	483.40	508.80	+11.30	...
Americas	433.10	455.90	+15.60	...
Far East	572.00	602.10	-21.40	...

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Property	201.90	212.50	+2.40	...
Fixed Interest	389.60	410.10	+3.00	...
Indexed Gilt	245.70	258.60	+2.40	...
Deposit	210.30	221.30	-0.20	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 148, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	1431.7	1507.1	+15.20	...
Eqty Fund	3132.0	3296.8	+13.30	...
Property Fd	528.50	554.20	+22.30	...
Fixed Int Fd	627.70	660.70	+3.00	...
Deposit Fund	336.90	354.60	-0.20	...
Intl Fund	242.70	255.50	+4.80	...
PEARL ASSURANCE The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 0733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	150.70	158.70	+0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	303.50	319.50	-0.40	...
Inv Equity	1242.5	1307.9	-11.70	...
Inv Managed	861.40	906.80	+3.60	...
Ret Managed	970.90	1022.0	+9.70	...
For Prolific see Scottish Provident				
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	303.30	320.00	+2.40	...
Fxd Interest Acc	261.50	275.90	+2.50	...
International Acc	260.90	275.30	+1.90	...
Managed Acc	231.20	243.90	+2.50	...
Property Acc	224.20	236.50	+2.00	...
Money Acc	149.60	157.90	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	245.50	259.00	+5.00	...
Japan Equity Acc	110.60	116.70	-0.80	...
N Amer Acc	164.90	174.00	-4.00	...
Pacific Acc	182.80	192.90	+9.40	...
European Acc	176.00	185.70	+0.80	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL William Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0438 738080				
Managed Ord	477.20	502.30	+6.40	...
Managed Initial	331.60	349.10	+4.30	...
Equity Ord	724.10	762.20	+9.40	...
Equity Init	503.20	529.70	+6.10	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	217.90	229.40	+2.60	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	158.20	166.50	+1.80	...
Oseas Equity Ord	385.80	406.10	+6.30	...
Oseas Equity Init	268.10	282.20	+4.50	...
Property Ord	251.00	264.20	+5.00	...
Property Init	174.40	183.60	+3.40	...
Fixed Int Ord	298.60	314.30	+2.30	...
Fixed Int Init	207.50	218.40	+1.50	...
Deposit Ord	200.60	211.20	+0.30	...
Deposit Initial	139.40	146.70	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	339.10	353.30	+3.30	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3228				
Managed Fund	797.30	839.30	+22.60	...
Equity Fund	1536.2	1617.1	+34.20	...
Intl Fund	617.30	649.80	+20.40	...
Fixed Interest	611.30	643.50	+4.50	...
Property Fund	421.10	443.30	-0.70	...
Cash Fund	355.70	374.50	-0.20	...
Pacific Basin	384.30	404.60	+21.20	...
N American Fd	241.80	254.60	+8.40	...
Euro Fund	263.50	277.40	+3.30	...
Balanced Fund	158.10	166.50	+3.00	...
Strategic Fund	164.10	172.80	+7.50	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	1734.20	...	...	...
-do- Acc	460.60	484.90	...	...
Op Prop	455.50	479.50	+1.60	...
Op Equity	886.20	932.90	+10.10	...
Op High Yield	620.30	653.00	+5.00	...
Op Managed	780.30	821.40	+10.60	...
Op Deposit	381.70	401.80	-0.20	...
Inc Gth	330.80	348.20	+4.00	...
Japan Smlr	233.40	245.70	+0.70	...
Managed Gth	271.50	285.80	+4.50	...
Gilt	89.60	94.40	+0.70	...
British	403.90	425.20	+5.70	...
Global Bond	120.70	127.10	+0.90	...
Global (35.34)	185.50	195.30	+3.00	...
Gold Share	99.30	104.60	+5.30	...
High Income	318.90	335.70	-0.70	...
Income	465.10	489.60	+4.60	...
Japan	388.80	409.30	-1.90	...
Uk Smlr Cos	330.30	347.70	+13.00	...
Mngd Growth	495.10	521.20	+10.60	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE *New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS* 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	976.80	1033.8	+17.30	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	389.60	410.10	+6.80	...
Equity Fund	558.90	588.30	+10.90	...
Property Fund	306.40	322.50	+10.00	...
International	480.50	505.70	+9.30	...
Pacific Basin	303.70	319.60	-10.20	...
United States	252.30	265.50	+5.90	...
Gilt Fund	385.60	405.80	+2.70	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	769.60	814.40	+9.40	2.30
Deposit Fund (2)	358.10	379.00	+0.30	5.76
Gilt Fund	552.20	584.40	+3.70	7.22
Global Equity Fd	241.10	255.20	+5.00	...
Property Fund (46)	95.20	100.80	+1.10	6.16
AG Bond Fund	168.30	178.10	+4.70	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	586.90	617.80	+5.00	...
Fixed Interest	401.50	422.70	+1.90	...
Index-Linked	213.60	224.90	+2.20	...

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International	459.60	483.80	+12.40	...
Property	260.20	273.90	+0.30	...
Cash	223.60	235.40	+0.10	...
Managed	464.60	489.10	+6.40	...
Cap Gteed Bd	116.10	122.30	+0.90	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	176.21	185.48	+0.12	...
Index-Linked	173.90	183.20	+2.00	...
Fixed Interest	190.30	200.40	+1.30	...
Mixed	256.40	270.00	+3.40	...
UK Equity	247.00	260.10	+2.10	...
International	257.90	270.00	+2.70	...
American	259.40	273.20	+5.40	...
Japan	217.00	228.50	-0.20	...
European	242.80	255.70	+1.20	...
Pacific	393.60	414.50	+16.10	...
Technology	345.00	363.30	+10.30	...
Currency/Currency	235.40	247.90	+1.00	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	198.80	209.40	+5.80	...
UK Equity	367.80	387.30	+0.60	...
American	261.60	275.50	+5.90	...
Pacific	388.30	408.90	+16.50	...
European	475.80	501.00	+2.00	...
International	325.80	343.00	+7.10	...
Fixed Interest	262.20	276.10	+1.40	...
Index Linked	213.10	224.40	+2.20	...
Deposit	188.70	198.70	+0.10	...
Managed	295.80	311.50	+2.40	...
Worldwide	132.80	139.90	+2.80	...
Pen Worldwide	142.20	149.80	+3.40	...
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Flex Fund (35)	1629.3	1679.7	...	...
Safety Fund	248.50	261.60	+0.20	...
Growth Fund	235.30	247.70	+1.00	...
Opportunity Fd	231.30	243.50	+0.50	...
Cash Fund	169.70	178.70	+0.10	...
European Fund	347.30	365.60	+0.90	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	215.20	226.60	+1.30	...
Index-Linked Fd	196.60	207.00	+2.10	...
International Fd	303.60	319.60	+9.60	...
North American	245.10	258.00	+6.30	...
Property Fund	121.80	128.30	-2.50	...
UK Equity	248.60	261.70	-2.00	...
UK Smaller	224.20	236.10	-1.00	...
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Mixed	272.00	286.40	+3.40	...
Equity	286.20	301.30	+1.70	...
International	298.00	313.80	+6.60	...
Property	212.70	224.00	-8.80	...
Fixed Interest	229.30	241.50	+0.60	...
Index Linked	191.90	202.10	+1.60	...
Cash	182.30	192.00	+0.10	...
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Bal Gwth Mngd	818.20	870.50	+15.60	...
Cash Fund	329.30	347.10	+0.30	...
Property Fund	233.60	248.60	+4.10	...
Equity Fund	977.70	1040.2	+21.10	...
Fxd Interest Fund	473.00	498.50	+3.50	...
International	442.30	470.60	+11.00	...
High Income	724.20	770.50	+9.60	...
Far East	647.20	688.60	+25.70	...
North American	562.70	598.70	+19.30	...
Special Sits	654.60	696.40	+10.00	...
Technology	537.50	571.90	+15.60	...
Extra Income Fd	391.20	416.20	+5.00	...
Gilt Fund	400.10	421.40	-1.50	...
European	153.40	163.20	-0.40	...
Adventurous Mg	229.90	242.10	+6.80	...
Secure Mgd	149.00	158.60	+1.50	...
Equity Inc Dist	122.30	130.20	+1.00	4.60
North American	117.60	125.20	+1.80	5.17
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Inv Pol 3	849.90	894.80	...	...
Inv Cash	304.30	320.40	...	...
Mixed Fund	469.60	494.60	+6.30	...
Equity Fund	553.60	582.80	+4.00	...
Property Fund	224.20	236.10	+6.10	...
International Fd	499.40	525.80	+7.40	...
Fixed Interest Fd	405.00	426.40	+3.40	...
Indexed Stock Fd	213.50	224.90	+2.20	...
Cash Fund	221.50	233.20	+0.20	...
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Managed Acc	382.20	402.30	+6.90	...
Equity Acc	452.20	475.90	+10.10	...
International Acc	344.10	362.20	+5.20	...
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Royal Trust Mg	247.70	260.70	+3.00	...
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Equity	1044.6	1099.6	+3.80	...
European	170.00	179.00	+0.40	...
Far East	183.30	193.00	+8.70	...
Fixed Interest	428.80	451.40	+3.10	...
Index Linked	219.70	231.30	+1.80	...
International	639.90	673.60	+16.50	...
Managed	730.20	768.70	+8.10	...
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Equity Acc	1511.4	1591.0	+8.50	...
Fixed Int Acc	427.90	450.50	+3.20	...
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Cash Acc	301.10	317.00	+0.30	...
Amer Equity Acc	365.60	384.80	+9.30	...
Japan Acc	278.20	292.90	-0.80	...
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International Acc	590.90	622.10	+13.00	...
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Equity Fund	375.20	395.10	...	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
Deposit	243.60	255.00	+0.10	...
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Fixed Interest	332.10	349.60	+0.70	...
Gold	94.50	99.40	+0.30	...
Managed	646.30	680.60	+16.00	...
Mngd Growth	206.50	217.40	+11.80	...
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TSB Intl	440.00	463.20	+3.20	...
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Property Fund	341.30	359.60	...	...
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American & Genl	564.00	594.30	...	...
Income	754.50	795.00	...	...
International Gth	611.50	646.40	...	...
Capital Fund	604.30	636.40	...	...
Recovery Fund	609.90	642.20	...	...
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Time to take stock of your finances



East holds the promise of success in 1994

Far Eastern and European stock markets could provide significant rewards for equity investors over the coming 12 months, **Liz Dolan** reports

Rowan Atkinson and Dawn French may not seem to have much in common with the average fund manager. But successful exponents of the otherwise different businesses of comedy and investment share an important talent — timing.

As Britain's fund managers root out their crystal balls and consult their astrologers in preparation for 1994, their overriding concern is likely to be predicting when each of the world's markets is to enter a new phase. This year's biggest headache will be the volatile Far East markets. Tokyo's Nikkei index has plummeted 55 per cent, from 39,000 to 17,300, since the beginning of 1991. Pent-up demand is such that investors will have only to glimpse signs of an upturn before piling in.

Conversely, there is the question of how long surging markets in places such as Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong can go on defying gravity. Missing the beat here could mean heavy losses.

Elsewhere, Wall Street, London and other European capitals soared to all-time highs in 1993. Is now the time to take profits and look elsewhere for growth? Or, will low interest rates and low inflation keep shares bubbling?

Nick Train, investment director at GT Unit Managers, considers that 1994 will deliver at least four "virtual certainties". Most rival investment houses are in broad agreement with his first three predictions: European interest rates will fall further; the dollar will strengthen against the pound; and global disinflation will continue. However, the fourth is more contentious. Mr Train says: "China is likely to be a source of disruption rather than easy money as it was in 1993. I think the whole of Asia could well blow out in '94. It will be a case of "mind your eye in Hong Kong", and be aware that most of the other markets have doubled from a not especially cheap base."

Barry Woolfe, chief investment officer of Britain's largest investor, Mercury Investment Management (MIM), agrees that investors are in for a bumpy ride in the Far East, but says: "If you closed your eyes for the next four or five years, you'd be sure to make money." John Kelly, investment director at Barclays Unicorn, says: "There's more to go for. Expected growth is two or three times that of the West. Short-term, it's still not fully valued and anyone with a long-term portfolio must be in Southeast Asia. But it's not a market for amateurs." Brian O'Neill, investment director at Gartmore Fund Managers, says: "It's a bit scary there at the moment, but I doubt that it's peaked."

> 1994's headache is likely to be the volatile markets in the Far East

Peter Jones, research director at M&G Unit Trusts, says: "Over the past year, Hong Kong has come of age. I think it is now one of the world's genuine stock markets. It is also a very important route in and out of China."

Japan is another poser for investors. MIM's Mr Woolfe remains negative. "It's not going to see recovery this year. Corporate profits are under pressure, but ratings are still very high. It isn't really attractive enough yet." Chrissy Keen, investment communications director at Fidelty, on the other hand, thinks now is the time to start buying. "It's a very difficult market still, but there's so much gloom that the money will pour in the moment the situation turns."

M&G's Mr Jones, says Japan is "not for the risk-averse, but I'm pretty sure we'll have to buy at some point".

Many analysts consider US markets have peaked as recovery gathers pace, although Mr Jones thinks the threatened interest rate rise might be good for the long bond market by helping to soothe any inflation fears. Ironically, Chris Cheetham, Prudential's director of investment strategy, says: "Good news about recovery is bad news for markets. A slow, weak upturn is what we're looking for." This looks a virtually an odds-on certainty for Europe. GT's Mr Train says: "We think European smaller companies could be the hottest story for the first half of 1994." The UK continues to attract support, especially for medium-sized and smaller companies. Barclays Unicorn's Mr Kelly says: "The easy money has passed. You have to look for quality. Recovery stocks that don't deliver will be marked down strongly, but those that do will continue to do well."

Mr Woolfe says seek companies able to deliver profits growth of at least 15 or 20 per cent. "These will command a premium as, in a low inflation environment, growth will be very high in real terms."

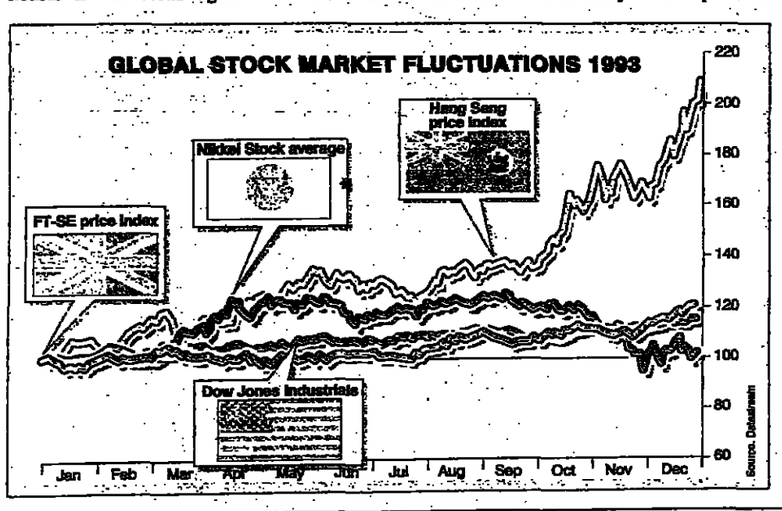
Opinions on gilts vary. Mr Kelly is "bored with bonds" and advises looking elsewhere. Mr Train says: "We think investors will be surprised at the strength of the bond market. We can't see any pressure on inflation, so government bond yields will be high by comparison."

Prudential's Mr Cheetham is reasonably happy with short to medium-term gilts, but would avoid those at the longer end.



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"Mind your eye in Hong Kong" warn the experts, who say investments could quickly sour in markets that have soared



Experts prove fallible

Private investors who slipped up in 1993 may like to know that professionals found banana skins, too (Liz Dolan writes). Barclays Unicorn, for example, misread recovery prospects in Japan. Eager to get in when shares were at their lowest, BU thought it spotted a glimmer of hope in the late spring that later proved to be a false dawn.

On the other hand, Gartmore Fund Managers was constantly having to revise over-pessimistic forecasts. "We underestimated the effect US money would have on markets in the Far East and, in fact, global markets in general. We thought Hong Kong would reach 10,000, but we didn't expect it to go straight through," the firm said.

Fidelity was another taken by surprise at the continued strength of the markets in Southeast Asia. Concerned that prices were beginning to overheat, fund managers started to take what were already quite considerable profits on some investments, and then had to sit back and watch as the shares continued to soar. Chrissy Keen, investment communications director, said: "We also expect European interest rates to fall faster, especially in France."

GT Unit Managers misread the strength of the German stockmarket. "We were correct in predicting that earnings would disappear, but we underestimated the effect of falling interest rates which, in the event, sent the market up by around 30 per cent."

M&G admits: "We didn't buy nearly enough gilt-edged stock. We also kept out of emerging markets which, in the event, did very well."

Weekend Money is edited by Rose Wild

A cautious new year, Colette

COMMENT



LINDSAY COOK

Deputy Business Editor

Dear Colette Bowe,

This is an open letter wishing you a cautious new year. Beware the bad guys in your midst. As you take charge of the embryo Personal Investment Authority (PIA), you must understand that there are many who do not have the interests of investors at heart. It will be up to you to make sure that they are soon converted to the cause.

Self-regulation can work only if investors are better protected. Your new organisation is expected to become a full-blooded regulator in the next few months. By then, there will be no going back. A tough regime has to be established in the coming weeks. The PIA must have the right people on its board, with the majority representing the public interest and not the self-interest of the investment sellers.

Had such an organisation been created under the Financial Services Act, there would be no need now for pensions helplines to be set up for the nurses, miners and other employees who have had their pensions transferred in the past five years, and who now fear they have been badly advised by salesmen seeking commission for themselves rather than the best advice for their clients. The PIA is a last chance for the investment industry to get it right. It needs not only to have a strong no-nonsense team setting the agenda, but also must set rules tough enough to keep rogues out in the cold.

If the rules are even rigorous enough just to catch the plain negligent, that would still be better protection than investors have been able to expect in the past. There are many in the industry who believe that "careless advisers" cause as much long-term damage as fraudsters. The distinction between the two is a fine one.

The Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra) appears consistently to have failed to spot the fraudsters, the commission-bandits and the careless.

The Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) has presided over the fiasco of over-zealous pension transfers, the over-selling of with-profits bonds and a dramatic rise in the commission rates paid to salesmen for selling the products that are not always in the best investment interests of the customers.

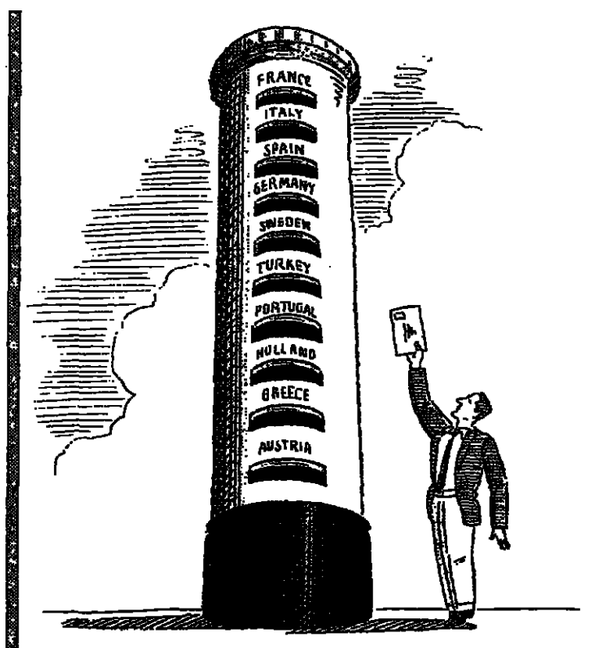
The Investment Management Regulatory Organisation never caught up with the wrong-doing of Robert Maxwell.

The PIA could hardly do worse than its predecessors when it comes to public protection. It should be helped to do better by the change of attitude that has taken place over the last 12 months. Insurance companies have admitted that all has not been perfect. Some investment houses now agree that investors should know how much a salesman stands to earn from selling a product — typically £507 for a £50 a month endowment policy.

But more than a change of attitude is needed. Salesmen must feel that their livelihood is on the line if they consistently recommend the product with the highest commission, rather than the one that is most appropriate. They must feel they will be caught if they browbeat investors to put all their money at risk in the stock market or if they tempt nurses, miners, teachers or anyone else out of perfectly good pension schemes into personal pensions that will never match the ones they are leaving.

The message from the existing regulators seems to have been "if you get caught, just make sure your paperwork is in order". Even those firms subject to investors' complaints can, and do, thumb their noses in the face of mounting evidence against them. One firm, in particular, had a very large number of complaints when markets were falling. Unfortunately, these grievances did not abate as the stock market roared away last year. The PIA cannot afford to ignore the voice of investors.

No-one is suggesting that the job will be easy. Worthwhile achievements never are. The PIA's membership should expect some decisions to hurt. Investment regulation by consensus is too cosy to offer any real protection to the investors who deserve it.



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Tessa awaits investors' verdict

'Tessas' interest rates may have fallen, but they retain a certain allure. Liz Dolan reports

On Monday, up to 4 million investors will be able to celebrate the new year by topping up their Tax Exempt Special Savings Accounts (Tessas) for 1994. If the past is any guide, most will again put in the full £1,800 annual allowance.

However, in the three years since Tessas began, rates have tumbled from 14-15 per cent to around 6 per cent and some commentators fear a less enthusiastic response this time. It is worth noting, though, that Tessas are still be very good value for the risk-averse. Bradford & Bingley *points out* that, with the bank base rate at 5.5 per cent and inflation well below 2 per cent, the 7.5 per cent gross rate available on its High Return Tessa looks pretty generous. "Not even the FT-SE 100 is yielding 6 per cent tax-free, and it's definitely not as secure," adds Nationwide, which last month cut its Tessa rate by 0.5 per cent to between 5.9 per cent and 6.2 per cent.

> 'Taxpayers would have to fish in very much riskier waters to achieve healthier returns'

Few need reminding of the drastic effect that base rate falls have had on ordinary building society accounts. The Halifax 90-day account currently pays 4.25 per cent net (3.19 per cent gross) on balances above £5,000. Therefore, even non-taxpayers do better with a Tessa at current rates, and taxpayers, especially higher-rate taxpayers, would have to fish in very much riskier waters to achieve healthier returns.

National Savings' five-year fixed rate bond offers 5.4 per cent tax-free, and its index-linked bond pays inflation plus 3 per cent. Early withdrawal penalties are on a sliding scale. If in the first year, no interest at all is paid.

Tessas lose their tax-free status if any of the underlying capital is withdrawn within the five-year period. Taxpayers then have to pay tax on the accrued interest and any remaining money is transferred to lower-paying, taxable accounts. Even in these circumstance, however, account holders will have done better than with most alternatives.

Sheila Bishop, of Walton on the Hill, Surrey, was one of the first to open a Tessa with the Alliance & Leicester. Since then, the balance has grown to £2,000, plus interest of £182.69. She wishes she could afford more than the £25 she puts into the account each month. However, in the past three years, she has married and given birth to Oliver James, now six months, increasing pressure on household income.

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Sheila Bishop has remained a dedicated Tessa investor with the Alliance and Leicester

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Timely tips to keep finances tidy

Jill Insley hears the experts' advice to everyone making a new year resolution to get their investment, tax and pension affairs in good order

The start of a year is a good time for investors to take stock of their financial affairs. At its most basic, this might involve no more than checking that money is not languishing in building society accounts paying a poor rate of interest. A review of more complicated areas, such as pensions and tax, may need help from a financial adviser.

☐ **Nick Bamford, pensions director at Weybourne Financial Services,** says that investors should check how much state pension they will be entitled to on retirement, if they retain their current employable status, by sending form BR19 to the Department of Social Security. It is available from local DSS offices.

"When you get your state-pension forecast back, you realise just how poor you are going to be," he says.

Mr Bamford advises investors also to find out what percentage of current income their personal pension or company pension scheme will provide. In particular, women under 44 should find out how much extra they would need to pay into their pension plan to enable them to retire at 60, if they wish, rather than the new female state pension age of 65, to be phased in from 2010.

Investors should ensure that pension death benefits are written in trust. Mr Bamford says: "Not all investors make it to pensionable age. Take steps to write the death benefits in trust so they are paid speedily to the right people and to avoid inheritance tax. The insurance company or your financial advisor should provide the documentation."

☐ **Mark Rittner and Frank Haskew, consultants with Rathbone Brothers,** urge investors to consider whether their life cover is adequate. Rathbone Brothers advises



'The investor should check whether his term insurance can be obtained more cheaply' — *Mark Rittner*

that, as a rule of thumb, the principal wage earner should be covered for up to ten times salary plus the amount of the mortgage.

Mr Rittner says: "The investor should check whether his term insurance can be obtained more cheaply — rates have moved down a bit recently. Policies should be written in trust, even where the benefit is for a spouse, so proceeds can be paid without the delay of probate to the beneficiaries."

☐ **Chris Wicks, personal financial planning adviser with King Street Financial Services,** points out that anyone dying without a will may leave their spouse with inadequate provision, and that unmarried partners have no automatic entitlement to a deceased person's estate.

Although Mr Wicks advises investors to make a will, he says: "Common wills leaving all to the spouse are not tax-efficient because they fail to take advantage of the £150,000 nil-rate inheritance tax band." If the whole estate passes to the spouse, no tax is due. Giving up to £150,000 to children in a will is tax free, which means that the nil-rate band can be used twice, since it will apply again on the death of the second spouse.

"Seek professional advice and avoid DIY wills," he adds.

☐ ***Fiona Price, managing director of Fiona Price & Partners,*** recommends taking advantage of the tax-free income and growth offered by a personal equity plan (Pep). Investors have until April 5 to put up to £6,000 into an ordinary Pep investing in shares, unit trusts and investment trusts, and up to £3,000 into a single-company Pep.

She says: "While there is no set period for your money to be invested, it is wise to think in terms of five years to give it a chance to ride out the fluctuations of the stock market and to do better than the building society. Charges vary enormously, so it is essential to seek independent advice."

☐ **Amanda Davidson, partner in Holden Meechan,** says that investors should seek investment management and advice that considers their ethics above everything else.

She says: "From a pure investment point of view, those companies that are involved in environmental activities — for example, water purification — arguably are going to do well in the future. Environmental directives impact on profit."

Investors can select individual shares, choose an investment portfolio service or invest in one of the insurance funds, investment and unit trusts or Peps that are screened for ethical or environmental correctness. Ms Davidson suggests the UK-based Friends Provident Stewardship Fund or the international green NPI Global Care Fund.

☐ **David Lee, research manager with Countrywide Independent Advisers,** recommends considering critical-illness insurance, which pays a lump sum if the insured person suffers and survives any illness listed on the insurance contract. Insurance policies may include from four to 24 complaints, and will include heart attack, stroke and cancer. Some policies even cover Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis and, in limited circumstances, Aids.

Mr Lee says: "The lump sum can be used to pay off the mortgage, provide medical treatment, carry out house alterations for those in wheelchairs and endless other possibilities."



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Big drive by new credit card challengers gets into gear

New Year sees the start of cut-rate interest charges and new incentives, says **Rose Wild**

After the Christmas cards, the credit cards. New year postbags will be bringing offers of new credit cards with temptingly *low initial interest rates, along* with other incentives, such as discounts on cars.

First off the mark has been the UK Scenic Series Visa card from MBNA, the American Bank. In a mailing to half a million people, it promises an annual percentage rate of 17.9 per cent and no annual fee for the first two years. Balances transferred from other credit cards will be charged at 13.9 per cent until the end of July. These rates compare with 21.9 per cent being charged by Barclaycard, and 14.6 per cent by Save and Prosper.

Initially, interest charges will apply from the date the purchase appears on the statement, but from March 31, they will apply from the transaction date. The new card is the first venture outside the US for MBNA, which has set up its UK headquarters in Chester. After Citibank, MBNA is the largest lender on credit cards in America.

This week, what is promised to be "one of the UK's biggest ever direct mailing campaigns" starts, to launch the GM card from Vauxhall. "Buying power turned into horse power" is the slogan which, translated, means that for every £100 spent with the new card, £5 will go towards the cost of a new Vauxhall car, a saving of up to £2,500 over five years. The scheme is based on the American GM card which attracted 8 million takers in its first year.

The GM card offers an APR of 19.9 per cent, and has no annual fee. Rob Dargis, manager of the GM card, explains that the card is intended as a full contender in the mass market, and that the response to their early announcement of the credit card, last October, has been beyond their expectations.

He says they took a risk by announcing early, but "No one has stepped up to challenge us."

Some new card launches that attracted custom by promising low APRs have had to revise their interest rates upwards, but Mr Dargis says: "We are the new kid on the block coming into the UK market, and we are determined to remain competitive."

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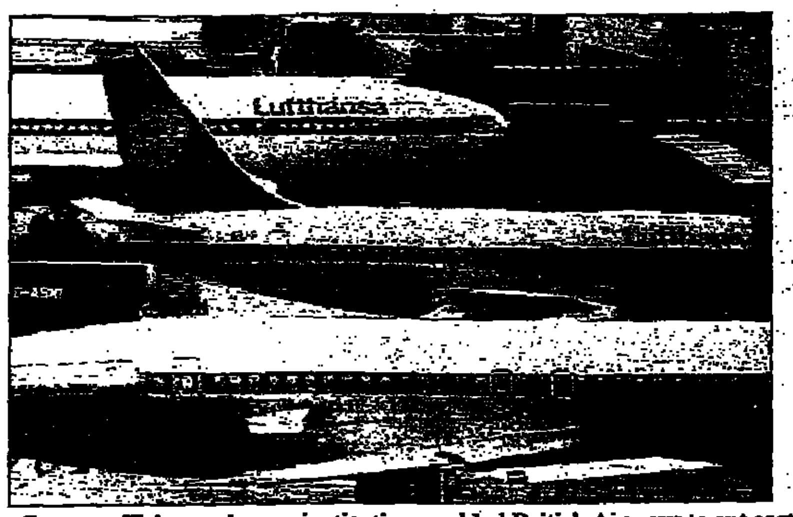
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State sell-offs offer profits in Europe

Two new funds will allow private investors an easy way into a new market, Jill Insley writes

While Britain's privatisation programme is drawing to a close, some European countries are only beginning to sell off state-owned companies.

UK investors who bought shares in privatisation issues have generally seen handsome returns. In the hope that similarly generous profits will be made in Europe, Kleinwort Benson and Mercury Asset Management are launching investment trusts to take advantage of the new opportunities.

Nearly all European nations want to sell off state-run businesses. France has already sold part of the Banque Nationale de Paris and is selling Union des Assurances de Paris, the largest of its government-controlled insurance groups. Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Holland, Spain and Sweden are to raise revenue by selling state-owned businesses. Former Eastern Bloc countries are expected to start privatisation programmes later in the decade.

European stock markets are likely to grow by more than £100 billion in the next five years by the addition of privatisation shares, according to Morgan Stanley. The Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust, to be launched on January 11, hopes to attract investments of £40 million. It will invest in utilities and industrial companies, financial institutions and telecommunications interests. Mercury has not yet announced the launch date of its new trust, but hopes to attract about £50 million.

Simon White, managing director of Kleinwort Benson Investment Trusts, says the fund will have no more than 20 per cent of its portfolio in UK shares, as many have been privately owned for at least five years and most of the benefits of privatisation come within this period.

Kleinwort Benson cites British Airways as an example of successful privatisation. Even in the past two years the airline has cut costs by £450 million. Its costs for carrying a passenger one kilometre are 10.6 cents; the figure for Lufthansa, which Kleinwort Benson nominates as a typical candidate for privatisation, is 20 cents.

Paul Harwood, who will manage the new Mercury trust, likens it to a recovery fund. "Investing in companies which we think have the potential to perform better." Both management companies say it would be difficult and expensive for individual investors to to buy shares in European privatisations.

M&G ends upfront charges for Pep

M&G, the largest fund management company, is to abolish the 4.5 per cent initial charge for new investors in its managed income fund personal equity plan from today (Sara McConnell writes).

Instead, it will levy an early withdrawal penalty for those who cash in their investment in the first five years. Those who cash in their investment after less than a year will be charged 4.5 per cent. After the first year, the charge tapers off gradually, to 4 per cent for investors cashing in within two years, 3 per cent within three years, 2 per cent within four years and 1 per cent within five years. Those holding on to their investment for five years or more will not be penalised. There is, however, still an annual 1.5 per cent management charge.

M & G claims it is the first fund manager to abolish its upfront charge on a permanent basis. Several companies, including Fidelity and Scottish Equitable, have cut their charge and imposed withdrawal penalties instead.

Rachel Medill of M & G said: "The move means 100 per cent of investors' money will be invested from day one. An initial charge may be a disincentive and we are hoping to attract a lot of new Pep investors. It is a good time to attract people into equities, but they must realise it is a long term investment".

Since its launch in February 1993, the managed income fund Pep has attracted £95 million from 18,782 investors. Existing investors will not be charged early withdrawal fees as they have already paid the upfront charge. Any income reinvested will not be subject to the exit charge.

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TSB Bank Intst Chque Acct	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	071-600 6020
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c¹	3.75	2.81	2.25	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c²	6.25	4.69	3.75	20-24,999	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	7.00	5.25	4.20	2,000-24,999	3 mth	0253 766151
6th Index Linkd†³	3.25	3.25	3.25	100-10,000	8 day	091-386-4900
40th Issue Cert†	5.75	5.75	5.75	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	5.75	5.75	5.75	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.85	7.85	7.85	25-1,000		
Gen Ext Rate†	3.75	3.75	3.75			
Capital Bond*	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond⁴	4.75	4.75	3.80	1,000-250,000		

RATES		HOLIDAY RATES	£ buys
RPI (Nov 92-93)	+1.4%	Spanish Pesetas:	203.00
Bank Base Rate	5.5%	French Francs:	8.40
Personal Loan	28%	Greek Drachmas:	362.00
Credit Card	25 - 27%	Italian Lira:	2445.00

¹ 2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 of less ² Additional holdings up to £20,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross ‡Higher rates for larger sums ³ Guaranteed over the rate of inflation ⁴ 0.3% net bonus for amounts £20,000+ * with effect from Wednesday 5 January 1994

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	3,400	Cadbury	406	MEPC	192	Scot Power	317
Abbey Natl	1,200	Caradon	1,100	Marks Spr	1,800	Sears	563
Alld-Lyons	735	Carlton Cms	320	NFC	1,300	Svrn Trent	129
Anglian W	52	Coats Vly	1,500	NatWst Bk	1,000	Shell Trans	697
Argyll Gp	839	Cm Union	449	Nat Power	801	Siebe	366
Arjo Wiggn	226	Courtaulds	406	Nth Wst W	138	SmKl Bch	1,000
AB Foods	118	Enterpr Oil	503	Nthrn Fds	538	Smith Nph	354
BAA	322	Forte	607	P & O	451	Southern Elec	111
BAT Inds	1,400	GRE	1,200	Pearson	329	Std Chartd	256
BOC	534	GUS	1,100	PowerGen	253	Sun Allnce	103
BP	2,300	Gen Acc	237	Prudential	1,200	TI Gp	83
BT	3,300	Gen Elec	1,700	RMC	203	TSB	1,700
BTR	2,500	Glaxo	1,400	RTZ	583	Tesco	1,200
Bk of Scot	647	Granada	338	Rank Org	500	Thames W	223
Barclays	1,100	Grand Met	1,200	Reckitt Col	204	Thrn EMI	720
Bass	487	Guinness	771	Redland	437	Tomkins	2,200
Blue Circle	219	HSBC	2,500	Reed Intl	817	Unilever	465
Boots	482	Hanson	3,800	Rentokil	257	Utd Bisc	265
Bowater	446	ICI	509	Reuters	577	Vodafone	1,900
Brit Aero	785	Inchcape	387	Rolls Royce	275	Warburg (SG)	163
Brit Airwys	1,200	Kingfisher	570	Ryl Ins	813	Wellcome	401
Brit Gas	1,500	Ladbroke	2,700	Ryl Bk Scot	323	Whtbd 'A'	142
Brit Steel	3,200	Land Secs	295	Sainsbury	583	Wlms Hld	728
Burmah Cast	159	Legal & Gn	521	Schroders	10	Wolseley	195
Cable Wire	2,900	Lloyds Bk	933	Scot & New	247	Zeneca	540

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones ...... 3782.03 (+6.15)
S&P Composite ...... 469.86 (+1.22)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge ...... Closed

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ...... 11888.39 (+10.92)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency ...... Closed

Sydney: AO ...... 2173.6 (+19.1)

Frankfurt:
DAX ...... Closed

FT 30 share: ...... 2559.8 (-10.8)

Brussels:
General ...... Closed

Paris: CAC ...... 2268.22 (-13.00)

Zurich: SKA Gen ...... Closed

London:
FT A All-Share ...... 1682.14 (-3.12)
FT 500 ...... 1782.98 (-5.30)
FT Gold Mines ...... 257.7 (+0.3)
FT Fixed Interest ...... 132.03 (+0.32)
FT Govt Secs ...... 107.60 (+0.02)
Bargains 20171
SEAQ Volume 277.5m
USM (Datastrm) ...... 154.24 (+0.19)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
December 20	January 7	March 24	April 5

Call options taken out on 30/12/93: Aminex, Brent Walker, Electron Hse, Fisons, Flagstone, Kenwood App, Kunick, LIT Hldgs, NHL Pref, Ricardo, Scot Nat Cap, Signet, Waterford Stock Uts. **Puts:** Aminex, Brent Walker, Euro Disney, Fisons, Kenwood App, NHL Pref, Ricardo, Signet, Tiphook. **Puts & Calls:** Ferromet, P&P.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3442.0	3471.0	3424.0	3426.0	6660
Previous open interest: 67798	Jun 94	3439.0	3439.0	3439.0	3437.0	2
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.80	94.82	94.76	94.81	4762
Previous open interest: 373708	Jun 94	94.99	95.02	94.96	95.02	1403
	Sep 94	95.06	95.10	95.04	95.10	989
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.49	96.49	96.49	96.49	248
Previous open interest: 8436	Jun 94				96.15	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.53	94.55	94.53	94.55	5969
Previous open interest: 716142	Jun 94	95.08	95.10	95.07	95.10	4921
Long Gilt	Mar 94	120-09	120-12	120-07	120-11	2316
Previous open interest: 104450	Jun 94				119-19	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	117.48	117.48	117.45	117.45	4
	Jun 94				116.42	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	101.25	101.35	101.25	101.35	4819
Previous open interest: 130697	Jun 94	101.26	101.26	101.25	101.28	20
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	103.58	103.58	103.58	103.58	20
Previous open interest: 12070	Jun 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	94.35	94.35	94.34	94.34	110
Previous open interest: 31459	Jun 94	94.82	94.83	94.82	94.84	65
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	96.19	96.22	96.18	96.19	4319
Previous open interest: 54302	Jun 94	96.55	96.55	96.51	96.51	11
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	118.50	118.60	118.43	118.49	1592
Previous open interest: 79684	Jun 94				118.37	0

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.8 (day's range 81.7-81.9).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Dec 31	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8687-2.8745	2.8710-2.8745	par-¼ds	par-¼ds
Brussels	53.37-53.49	53.39-53.49	6-11ds	16-25ds
Copenhagen	9.9960-10.0300	10.0150-10.0300	1¼-1⅞ds	3-4¼ds
Dublin	1.0460-1.0499	1.0464-1.0494	9-13ds	26-33ds
Frankfurt	2.5628-2.5708	2.5675-2.5708	⅛-⅜ds	⅞-1⅛ds
Lisbon	260.71-261.60	260.97-261.60	143-163ds	377-419ds
Madrid	210.77-211.38	211.08-211.38	74-82ds	182-201ds
Milan	2530.00-2538.40	2534.30-2538.40	7-8ds	18-20ds
Montreal	1.9632-1.9685	1.9666-1.9685	0.30-0.26pr	0.50-0.45pr
New York	1.4780-1.4817	1.4807-1.4817	0.30-0.29pr	0.72-0.70pr
Oslo	11.1020-11.1390	11.1230-11.1390	⅝-1⅛ds	3-4⅛ds
Paris	8.7080-8.7360	8.7220-8.7360	⅞-1¼pr	2⅛-2⅝ds
Stockholm	12.3030-12.3470	12.3230-12.3470	2-2⅞ds	4⅞-6ds
Tokyo	165.16-165.79	165.52-165.79	⅜-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅞pr
Vienna	18.01-18.08	18.04-18.08	⅞-1⅛ds	1⅛-1⅝ds
Zurich	2.1855-2.1919	2.1889-2.1919	⅛-⅛pr	⅝-⅜pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. - Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4761-1.4787
Australia dollar	2.1775-2.1822
Bahrain dinar	0.551-0.563
Brazil cruzeiro*	474.49-476.01
Cyprus pound	0.76-0.77
Finland markka	8.4995-8.7695
Greece drachma	364.75-371.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.439-11.453
India rupee	45.90-46.86
Kuwait dinar KD	0.436-0.446
Malaysia ringgit	3.9875-3.9962
Mexico peso	4.54-4.64
New Zealand dollar	2.6495-2.6563
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4795-5.6055
Singapore dollar	2.3780-2.3841
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3025-6.3893
S Africa rand (com)	5.0100-5.0272
U A E dirham	5.363-5.487

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4705-1.4727
Austria	12.19-12.20
Belgium (Com)	36.06-36.10
Canada	1.3275-1.3285
Denmark	6.7638-6.7688
France	5.8905-5.8955
Germany	1.734-1.735
Hong Kong	7.726-7.729
Ireland	1.4103-1.4133
Italy	1711.6-1713.1
Japan	111.79-111.89
Malaysia	2.693-2.697
Netherlands	1.939-1.940
Norway	7.5125-7.5175
Portugal	176.25-176.55
Singapore	1.606-1.609
Spain	142.56-142.66
Sweden	8.3227-8.3327
Switzerland	1.4783-1.4793

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5½ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5½ Low 6¼ Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5⅛. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth: 4⅞.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5-4⅞	
Sterling Money Rates	5¼-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Interbank	5¼-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

Overnight: open 5¼, close 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	5¼	n/a	5¼	5⅛	5
Sterling CDs	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛
Dollar CDs	3.15	n/a	3.23	3.36	3.66
Building Society CDs	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛

TREASURY BILLS: Applics: £718m allotted: £200m; Bids: £98.78% received: 74%; Last week: £98.78% received: 40%; Avge rate: £4.8934% last wk £4.8537%; Next week: £200m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅛	6-5⅞	7⅛-6⅛
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4	4-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2	1⅞-1⅞	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Banks Co)

Bullion: Open $390.50-391.00 Close: $390.50-391.00 High: $n/a Low: $n/a Krugerrand: $392.00-394.00 (£265.00-267.00).
Sovereigns: Old $91.00-93.00 (£61.00-64.00) New $91.00-93.00 (£61.00-64.00)
Platinum: $393.50 (£265.90) Silver: $5.11 (£3.45) Palladium: $123.25 (£83.30)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon	650	39	58½	66½	6	18½	31½
(*679)	700	10½	31	40½	29½	42	57½
Argyll	260	22½	31	36½	3½	10	17½
(*275½)	280	9	20½	25½	12	19½	27½
ASDA	50	7	9	12	1½	3½	5
(*55½)	60	1½	4½	6	6½	8½	10½
Boots	550	53½	66½	76	2	8½	18
(*598)	600	15	33½	44½	15	27½	38½
Br Airways	420	36	49	57	4½	14	21½
(*449½)	460	9½	25½	35	20½	30½	40½
BP	360	11	23½	31	9	17½	23
(*361½)	390	3	10½	18	30	36½	41
Br Steel	120	9	14½	19	2	6½	10½
(*126½)	130	4	9	13½	7	12	14½
C & W	500	31	47½	59½	6	16½	25½
(*522½)	525	16	32½	46	16½	28	37
CU	600	53	60	71	2	13½	17
(*646½)	650	14½	25	41½	16½	32½	38
ICI	800	22	41	57	21	50½	57½
(*800)	850	5	19½	36½	56	83½	90
Kingfishr	750	36½	57½	69	9	23	36½
(*774)	800	10½	31	44	35	48	62½
Land Sec	750	48½	64	72½	3	11½	21½
(*790½)	800	13	32	42	20½	30	45
M & S	420	37½	47½	52½	2	7	13
(*453½)	460	9½	22	28	14½	23½	29½
Nat West	600	30½	43	55	7½	25½	32½
(*620)	650	6½	18½	31½	39½	55	61
Sainsbury	420	30	44	51	5	13	21
(*444)	460	5½	21	30½	23	32	42
Shell	700	36½	46	56½	4	18	26½
(*725½)	750	7½	18	33	28½	47½	53
Smkl Bch	390	25½	38	50	7	18½	26½
(*404½)	420	9½	25	36	23	35	42
Storehso	230	18	26	30½	3	7½	11½
(*237)	240	5½	14	19	11½	17	21
Trafalgar	90	6½	12½	16½	5½	8½	13½
(*95½)	100	3	7½	12½	12	15½	19
Unilever	1200	32	59	78	16½	44½	55½
(*1202)	1250	10½	33½	55	48	73½	84½
Zeneca	800	53½	69½	84	7½	26½	38½
(*842½)	850	20½	39½	57½	25½	52½	64
BAA	1050	30	60½	79	18	37½	53
(*1056½)	1100	9½	36½	55	50	65½	80
Thames W	550	34	45	56	4½	13	26½
(*577)	600	6	20	30	28	34	54

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	460	25	32½	43	16	23½	29
(*474½)	500	8	14½	24½	43	47½	52
Ladbroke	160	15	22½	24½	12½	21	26½
(*160½)	180	7½	13½	16½	25½	34½	39
Utd Bisc	360	17	22	28½	15	26	31½
(*360½)	390	6	10	16½	39½	47½	52
BAT Ind	550	24½	33½	41½	18½	33	42
(*552)	600	6½	15½	21½	52½	67½	73
BTR	360	24	28	36½	7	16	19½
(*373)	390	9	14½	22½	33½	32½	36½
Br Aero	390	39	50	63½	14½	20	34
(*412½)	420	21	37	48½	29	41½	50
Br Telcm	460	25	34	42½	7½	12½	20½
(*473)	500	6	14	22½	31	34½	41½
Cadbury	480	30	34	—	9	21½	—
(*508½)	542	7½	13	—	38	52	—
Guinness	480	33½	44	51	11½	24	29
(*479)	500	13½	23	31½	31	47	52
GEC	330	21	28½	33½	6	11	16½
(*341½)	360	6	13	18	22	26½	34
Hanson	260	15½	18½	22	4½	9½	13
(*268½)	280	5	9	13	15	20½	24
LASMO	110	14	20	24	7½	12	15½
(*115½)	120	9	15½	19½	12½	17	20
Lucas	180	19	23½	28½	4½	9	12½
(*192)	200	8	13½	18	14½	19½	23
Pilkingtn	160	23	27½	31½	3	6	9
(*179)	180	9	15	19½	10½	15	18
Prudential	360	15½	21	27	12	21½	25½
(*361)	390	4½	9	14½	32½	42	45
Redland	550	50	60	67	8½	24½	31½
(*586½)	600	20½	32½	41½	30	51	57½
Royal Ins	317	30	—	—	7½	—	—
(*339)	346	13	—	—	19	—	—
Tesco	200	19	25	28½	5½	11½	13½
(*213)	220	7½	14	18	14½	22½	24½
Vodafone	550	63	80½	94	11½	24	34
(*594)	600	32	52½	67½	32	46½	58
Williams	360	25	32	36½	7	16½	21
(*374)	390	9	16½	22½	23	33½	37½
R-Royce	156	14	—	—	6½	—	—
(*162½)	176	5½	—	—	18	—	—
Eastn Elc	680	38½	52½	63½	13½	20	33
(*677½)	700	12½	27½	37	40½	47	59½

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	500	32½	40½	51	19½	28	34½
(*512)	550	11	18½	29½	51½	58½	63½
Amstrad	40	5½	6½	8½	4½	5½	7
(*40)	45	3	4½	6½	7½	9	10
Barclays	600	55½	63½	75	16	23½	32
(*635½)	650	26½	36½	49	41½	47½	57
Blue Circ	330	26½	31½	40½	16½	26½	33
(*336)	360	13	19½	27½	34	45	51½
Br Gas	330	24	29	34	7½	15	18½
(*342½)	360	8½	13	19	24	32½	35½
Dixons	280	21	28½	35	16½	22½	29
(*284)	300	12½	19½	26	28	34	41
Forte	240	29½	32	37	6½	12½	16
(*259½)	260	16	19½	26½	15	22	26
Hillsdwn	140	26	28	29	3	6½	9
(*159)	160	10	14½	17	9½	16	18
Lonrho	120	15½	19½	23½	6	9½	13½
(*129)	130	10	14½	18½	11	15	18½
Sears	120	13	16	18	3½	6	7½
(*127½)	130	7	10½	12½	8	11	12½
Thrn Eml	950	61	83	96½	23½	34	53½
(*986½)	1000	33½	55	69	49	58½	79
Tomkins	220	21½	26½	30½	6	10½	15
(*233½)	240	11	15½	19½	16½	20½	25½
TSB	240	14½	21	25½	13	17½	21½
(*242)	260	7½	12	16½	27	30	33½
Wellcome	650	50½	65	85½	32½	49	60
(*659½)	700	25	45	62	62	77½	88½
Fisons	130	19	26½	34	14½	21	25
(*133)	140	14½	23	30	20½	26½	31
Natl Pwr	460	42½	52	58½	11½	18½	24½
(*486)	500	19½	31½	38	29	38	45
Scot Pwr	420	40	55	62	7½	12½	19
(*458)	460	20	31	38½	22	28	36

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	700	64½	87	99½	35	50	66
(*726)	750	39½	62	75	62	75	92½
HSBC	950	74½	94	111	50½	66½	79½
(*975)	1000	49	69½	87	78	92½	105½
Reuter	1750	113½	153	185	75	95½	113
(*1783½)	1800	85½	126½	159½	101	120½	136½

FT-SE INDEX (*3419½)

	3300	3350	3400	3450	3500	3550
Calls						
Jan	127	87	53	28	14	7
Feb	153	116	85	58	37	23
Mar	172	136	105	79	55	39
Apr	187	154	123	97	75	57
Jun	217	—	155	—	108	—
Puts						
Jan	14	25	43	69	109	153
Feb	31	43	62	87	118	157
Mar	48	62	84	106	134	170
Apr	61	78	97	122	151	184
Jun	86	—	123	—	176	—

December 31, 1993 Tot: 13847 Calls: 7482 Puts: 6365 FT-SE Calls: 3255 Puts: 2795
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

COMMODITIES REPORT: Wheat futures ended a holiday shortened session slightly lower. Coffee ended higher after an initial dip, mild short-covering was responsible.
Cocoa ended trade lower as a downward drift continued in light volume. White sugar eased off in minimal dealings.
All markets closed early yesterday due to the festive season.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	900-843	Mar	977-975
Mar	904-903	May	986-985
May	924-923	Jul	995-990
Jul	936-935	Sep	1002 SLR
Sep	951-950		
Dec	963-961		Volume: 2704

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	1178-1177	Sep	1198-1196
Mar	1198-1197	Nov	1200-1190
May	1200-1199	Jan	1200-1190
Jul	1196-1194		Volume: 1382

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (4.30pm)

		Oct	11.18-11.33
Spot: 269.70		Jan	unq
Mar	10.90-11.05	Mar	unq
May	11.20-11.30	May	unq
Jul	11.40-11.52		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	284.0-77.0
Spot: 285.5		Dec	284.0-76.9
Mar	287.0-83.0	Mar	285.0-77.9
May	290.0-84.5	May	288.0-78.9
Aug	294.0-88.0		Volume: 34

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 31

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	n/a	92.84	118.37
(+/-)	n/a	..	—
Eng/Wales:	n/a	93.22	118.03
(+/-)	n/a	—	—
(%)	n/a	—	—
Scotland:	n/a	91.46	121.68
(+/-)	n/a	—	—
(%)	n/a	—	—

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Jan	98.45
Mar	100.65
May	101.85
Jun	102.50
Sep	89.75
	Volume: 16

BARLEY (close £/t)

Jan	103.25
Mar	105.15
May	107.00
Sep	92.65
Nov	94.75
	Volume: 0

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	—
Dec	—
Feb	—
Apr	—
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	130.0
Apr	106.5	105.9
May	122.0	122.9
		Volume: 49

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Feb 62.00-62.50

ICIS-LOR (London 30/12/93): The oil market effectively ended 1993 on the same weak tone which had been experienced for most of the year.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.00	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Jan)	13.15	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Feb)	13.25	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	14.15	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	14.50	-0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	142 (n/c)	146 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	140 (+1)	142 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Jan	143 (+1)	144 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Feb	143 (-1)	145 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	53 (n/c)	55 (n/c)
Naphtha	127 (-1)	130 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Jan	139.25-39.50	Apr	139.25 BID
Feb	140.25 SLR	May	141.50 BID
Mar	140.25-40.75	Jun	142.25-42.75
			Vol: 3973

BRENT (2.00pm)

Feb	13.20-13.21	May	13.90-13.93
Mar	13.38-13.39	Jul	14.12-14.13
Apr	13.67-13.68		Vol: 9384

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jan	130.00-38.00	Apr	160.00 SLR
Feb	145.00 SLR	May	155.00 SLR
Mar	n/a		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 94	1225	1225	1223
Feb 94	1245	1245	1248
Apr 94	1281	1281	1288
Jul 94	unq	—	1160

Vol: 26 lots. Open int'st: 2304 Index 1212 -2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1767.0-1767.5	1788.0-1788.5	1689725
Lead ($/tonne)	473.00-474.00	486.00-487.00	183825
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1001.0-1001.5	1019.0-1019.5	609375
Tin ($/tonne)	4745.0-4755.0	4795.0-4800.0	14750
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1107.5-1108.5	1125.0-1125.5	1282700
Nickel ($/tonne)	5290.0-5295.0	5350.0-5351.0	82878

FIVE-YEAR QUIZ

How well can you manage your finances in 1994?

Test your knowledge of matters that appeared last year in *The Times* personal finance pages

1. What was the Bank of England Base Rate on January 1 1993?
a) 7 per cent;
b) 6.5 per cent;
c) 6 per cent.

2. What is the maximum amount of compensation payable under the Investors Compensation Scheme?
a) £100,000;
b) £48,000;
c) £75,000.

3. What is the maximum combined total which can be invested in a general Personal Equity Plan and a single company Pep?
a) £9,000;
b) £6,000;
c) £12,000.

4. If you subscribe the maximum amount each year to a Tessa, what is the limit in the fifth year?
a) £600;
b) £1,800;
c) £1,150.

5. If you are a non-taxpayer what Inland Revenue form must you complete to receive interest gross?
a) R40;
b) R85;
c) R121.

6. Above what limit must banks and building societies report interest earned on individual accounts to the taxman?
a) £2,500;
b) £1,000;
c) *no limit.*

7. At what level does Inheritance Tax start to bite?
a) £250,000;
b) £150,000;
c) £85,000.

8. What is the name of the new National Savings granny bond announced in last November's budget, which is due to be launched in January.
a) Guaranteed Pensioners' Bond;
b) Pensioners' Guaranteed Income Bond;
c) Senior Citizens' Savings Bond.

9. What is the married couples' allowance for under-65s in the current tax year?
a) £2,500;
b) £1,720;
c) £1,440.

10. The single person's tax allowance for everyone up to the age of 65 is:
a) £3,445;
b) £2,750;
c) £3,670.

11. When VAT is levied on fuel from next April, the initial rate will be:
a) 17.5 per cent;
b) 8 per cent;
c) 14.3 per cent.

12. A City regulator is investigating up to 500,000 cases where investors were wrongly advised to opt out of *company pension* schemes and start personal pension plans. It is:
a) Lautro;
b) The SIB;
c) Imro.

13. Tax relief on mortgages under Miras is due to be cut in April 1994, and again in April 1995. Are the new levels respectively:
a) 25 per cent and 20 per cent;
b) 20 per cent and 15 per cent;
c) 25 per cent and 15 per cent.

Answers: *1a; 2b; 3a; 4a; 5b; 6c; 7b; 8b; 9b; 10a; 11b; 12b; 13b.*

Doubts on how pensions were sold

From Nigel Chambers
Sir, I am concerned that the publicity given to the SIB's pensions transfer review implies that all the wrongdoing lies with the insurance companies and promoters of personal pensions. Their sales people may be guilty of sins of commission but I believe the occupational pension schemes must bear some responsibility for sins of omission.

What type of pension scheme is it that has so badly presented the benefits it can offer to employees that they can be so easily sold a personal pension policy? What warnings were issued to the employee, ex-employee, or their adviser prior to the transfer from the scheme? Were the alternative benefits — which may indeed have been superior — properly presented?

Why should the whole burden for compensation be put on the insurance company, especially when it seems that some schemes are asking for exorbitant amounts for reinstating members' benefits?

Why indeed should schemes be allowed to refuse to take back employees who have made an incorrect decision? Would it not be possible for the Government to amend the appropriate legislation or Inland Revenue rules?

Obviously, if wrong advice is given, the insurance companies should pay appropriate costs. However, many pension schemes, and the employers who bear their costs, will have benefited because of a decision to transfer away from the scheme. If compensation is to be paid, I trust it will be calculated in such a way that no party is better off financially. I hope the new SIB Advisory Committee will address these issues.
Yours faithfully,
NIGEL CHAMBERS,
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Mixed prospects for winning with Ernie

From G. A. Whyman
Sir, I suggest Joan Cowper is unduly pessimistic about Ernie's capabilities (Weekend *Money Letters*, December 18), although she is careful not to tell us of her experiences between 1977 and 1992.

My wife and I thought Ernie very clever when he sent us each £50 last month as we were preparing to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. However, we regard that as frittering money and regret that it would seem to reduce our prospects of a prize to alter significantly our financial situation. With the present abysmal returns available from building societies and the like a modest flutter with Ernie seems to have much to commend it.
Yours optimistically,
G. A. WHYMAN,
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LETTERS



Regulators are alive and well, but asleep

From R. B. Carter
Sir, Re: Lancashire & Yorkshire Association. Our experience of "safe" investment for cautious small savers has not been encouraging. Our choices have included the following:
1. U K Provident Institution (rescued by Friends Provident). 2. London Life (rescued by Australian Mutual Provident). 3. Lancashire & Yorkshire Association (awaiting compensation for maladministration). We are frequently told that savings are vital for the heart of the economy. If, however, the mutual life organisations and friendly societies cannot be trusted, who can be? It seems to us that the so-called "watchdogs", such as the Registrar of Friendly Societies and the Insurance Division of the DTI are alive and well, but asleep.
Yours faithfully,
R. B. CARTER,
1, *Repton Close, Bedford.*

Tax puzzle for married couples

From C. G. Cox
Sir, We were told in the Budget, and today in your Budget briefings (*The Times*, December 4), that the married couple's allowance is not only to be frozen at £1,720 but is "due to fall to 20 per cent in April".

But 20 per cent of what? If, as I suspect, it really means that the allowance is restricted to the 20 per cent tax band, this will effectively reduce that band from £3,000, in 1994/95, to £1,720. Is this the intention? And for 1995/96 it is to be "reduced to 15 per cent" — again, of what? Does this mean that there will be a new, 15 per cent tax band in 1995? I am baffled!
Yours faithfully,
C. G. COX,
18 St Michael's Gardens,
South Petherton, Somerset.

KPMG Peat Marwick replies: *The restriction of various income tax reliefs to 20 per cent is apparently causing some confusion. This relates specifically to the amount of relief available in 1994-5 in respect of the married couples' additional personal and widow's bereavement allowances. Using the Married Couple 65-74 Table reproduced in The Times following the November 1993 Budget as an example, if we look at the husband with an income of £8,248 and taxable income of £1,383, one would expect that, since the taxable income falls well within the lower rate band, the liability would be 20 per cent of £1,383 (ie £276.60). In fact, his actual liability is £329, calculated as follows:*

	£	£
INCOME		8,248
Less		
Single Personal Allowance (65-74)		4,200
		4,048
Charged at	3,000 @ 20% =	600
	1,048 @ 25% =	262
	4,048	862
Less		
Married Couples Allowance (65-74)	2,665 @ 20% =	533
	1,383	
Tax		329

In 1995-6 the relief for these allowances will be restricted to 15 per cent so that, in the above example, if all things stay the same for 1995-6 the husband's tax liability will increase by £133.25.

Trying to set the record straight

From Norman Stait
Sir, From Clerical Medical Pensions: is this some sort of world record for incomprehensibility?

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European Gwth 39.57 42.20 + 0.10 0.83
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Mngd Ptflio Acc 208.60 223.00 + 6.20 1.58
Monthly Income 83.61 89 42P + 2.76 3.60
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Pacific Portfolio 156.2 172.50P + 9.15 0.65
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Recovery Tst 71.41 75.96 - 0.02 1.73

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UK Income 110.51 120.36h + 1.40 4.04

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Acorn Ethical Tst 154.52 162.66P + 2.12 1.46
City Fin Euro Tst 73.67 77.55 + 1.06 1.58
City Fin America 80.56 84.80 + 0.34 ...
City Fin Europe 71.57 81 67 + 1.18 0.48
City Fin Japan 131.31 156.27 + 0.53 ...
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-do- Inc & Gth 117.65 123.84P - 2.20 1.56

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Evergreen 30.34 32.45 + 0.49 ...
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Japan Growth 28.20 29.82 + 0.55 ...
Pedigree Gwth 51.87 55.03 + 0.80 1.76
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Managed Fund 70.86 75.38 + 0.86 2.67
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UK Growth 143.30 152.45 + 3.40 1.58
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Far Eastern Grth 151.24 160.89 + 7.03 0.28
Global Bond 88.72 94.38 + 0.62 5.67
Japan Growth 109 69 116.69 + 0.50 ...
North Amer Grth 168.33 179 07 + 4.86 ...
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Worldwide Growth 84 66 88.70 + 1.55 0.34

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Smaller Cos 31.86 33.57P 2.40
North American 31.94 33.97 ..... 0.50
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Income 250.50 266.50 + 1.10 3.16
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Inv Portfolio 80.80 85 96 + 0.79 1.74
High Income Port 71.40 75.96 + 0.21 3.38

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New Asia 249.10 269.70 +13.20 0.29
Japan Growth 112.30 119.60 + 1.50 ...
Recovery 460.50 489.00 + 4.60 ...
Nth Amer 268.30 283.30 + 6.70 0.93
Shlnd Asia Pac Ml 143.00 150.30 + 7.20 0.42
UK Inc & Grth 228.10 243.10 - 0.60 3.33

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UK Balanced Inc 143.90 153.10P + 0.20 2.25
UK High Inc Inc 160.30 170.70P + 0.20 4.67
UK Prof & Fl Int 65.20 69.14P + 0.30 6.27
Envronmntl Opps 82.91 88.20 + 0.08 1.39

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American 125.10 130.80P + 2.90 0.38
Convertibles 24.22 25.78 + 0.14 7.58
Equity Income 140.30 149.30P + 0.35 ...
EuroFund 45.37 48.03 + 0.66 0.53
Financial 52.76 56.06 + 1.14 2.18
Growth & Inc 248.00 263.50 ..... 3.85
High Dist 166.30 176.70P - 0.20 4.24
International 396.70 421.50 +12.00 0.24
Income Plus 124.70 132.40P + 0.10 3.92
Pacific 98.99 103.10 + 7.19 0.29
Recovery 144.60 154.50P + 2.20 1.88
Select Inc 160 40 171.40 + 5.00 0.73
Ovsea Earnings 360.50 385.30P + 1.50 2.09

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EuroFund 45.37 48.03 + 0.66 0.53
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Pacific 98.99 103.10 + 7.19 0.29
Recovery 144.60 154.50P + 2.20 1.88
Select Inc 160 40 171.40 + 5.00 0.73
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Intl Growth 123 70 130.31 + 5.53 0.97
North American 119.18 125.48 + 3.75 1.02
Pension 124.41 130.96 + 0.36 2.79
Smaller Cos 72.53 76.37P + 0.72 1.98
Special Sits 91.53 96.35 + 0.62 1.72
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Smaller Cos Inc 203.28 211.75 + 2.14 1.70
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Recovery 51.84 54.00P + 2.40 2.11

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Family Asset Tst 78.77 81.86 + 3.57 2.33
Family Income Tst 52.83 56.19 + 1.86 5.73
Family Trust 83.27 88.58 + 3.52 1.19
United Charities 248.60 275.00 +10.60 3.25

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-do- Europe 24.60 26.00 - 0.14 4.89
-do- America 23.08 25.26 + 0.40 0.49
-do- Asia Japan 27.74 29.25 + 0.01 0.72
Bond Funds
Gilt & Fxd Int 32.35 32.61P + 0.24 6.09
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European Income 43.90 46.68 + 0.77 2.44
Far East Inc 68.68 73.63 + 2.22 2.20
Global Convertible 26.70 26.42P + 0.22 2.17
Equity Funds
ASEAN 78.54 83.78 + 4.86 ...
American 236.00 250.20 + 6.30 ...
Amer Spec Sits 111.70 119.20 + 4.20 ...
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Intl PEP 36.00 38.28 + 0.49 ...
Japan Spec Sits 78.70 84.14 + 0.52 ...
Japan 168.40 180.00 + 1.80 ...
Managed Intl 361.50 299.50 + 5.70 ...
Moneybuilder 51.37 54.80 + 0.93 ...
Recovery 41.93 44.59 + 0.40 ...
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Special Sits 495.80 527.20 + 5.00 ...
Specialist Funds
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Europe Index 117.90 126.30 - 0.60 4.44
-do- Reverse Index 65.91 70.04 - 1.17 8.25
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-do- Reverse Index 94.09 98.31 + 1.56 0.95
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Generalist Opps 133.90 139.80 + 2.70 3.16
Growth Inc 32.77 33.36 + 0.10 2.05
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Far Eastern 173 70 186.30 + 2.10 ...
High Income 34.04 25.58P - 0.07 10.00
Ocean Income 101 60 108.50P + 2.40 2.83
UK Growth 116.20 124.30 + 1.40 0.76
UK Income 112.60 120.50P + 0.30 4.98
US Smaller Cos 206.80 306.70 + 6.80 ...

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High Income 51.87 55.18P + 0.34 3.77
-do- Inv Tst Inc 70.75 84.84 + 1.22 3.65
Intl Growth 24.02 78.74P + 2.80 1.15
Investment Trust 92.86 98.79 + 2.92 0.22
UK Smaller Cos 81.26 86.45 + 2.48 1.27

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
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071 374 4000
American Growth 55.73 59.54 + 1.58 ...
(Accum Units) 55.73 59.54 + 1.58 ...
Amer Smllr Cos 488.10 522.00 +16.70 ...
(Accum Units) 499 60 534.30 +17.10 ...
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(Accum Units) 435.90 463.60 + 4.20 1.79
Cont Smllr Cos 95.57 99.49 + 0.26 0.50
(Accum Units) 98.10 102.10 + 0.27 0.50
Convertible 137.00 145.70 + 1.30 5.15
(Accum Units) 265.40 282.30 + 2.60 5.15
Emerging Markets 87 90 93 91P + 4.87 ...
(Accum Units) 87.90 93.99P + 4.88 ...
European 116.30 123.70P + 0.30 3.95
(Accum Units) 121.30 129.00 + 0.50 0.26
Extra Income 338.30 359.80 + 1.70 3.34
(Accum Units) 484.50 515.30 + 2.40 3.34
Financial 127.80 135.90 + 1.10 0.44
(Accum Units) 133.80 143.40 + 2.80 0.35
Gilt Trust 73.50 75.78 + 0.45 5.30
(Accum Units) 97.30 100.30 + 0.57 5.30
High Income 137.60 147.60P + 0.30 ...
(Accum Units) 138.30 147.60P + 4.30 ...
Income & Growth 203.60 216.50P + 0.30 3.25
(Accum Units) 264.90 313.60P + 0.40 3.25
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(Accum Units) 404.80 434.50 + 8.30 ...
Japan & Gen 178.50 191.30 + 2.40 ...
(Accum Units) 180.30 193.20 + 2.40 ...
Managed Port Inc 106.50 113.60 + 1.60 1.61
(Accum Units) 111.80 117.60 + 1.40 0.69
Monthly Income 120.40 181.20 + 1.70 3.47
Quarterly Income 57.57 61.23 + 0.43 5.05
(Accum Units) 58.87 62.63 + 0.45 0.25
Recovery 123.80 129.60 + 1.30 0.25
(Accum Units) 392.20 419.40 + 6.80 0.25
UK Growth 54.33 57.95 - 0.01 2.31
(Accum Units) 54.33 57.95 - 0.01 2.31

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-do- Accum 134 40 142.98 - 0.30 0.39
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-do- Accum 256.37 271.56P + 1.23 5.30
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-do- Accum 96.29 102.44P + 2.48 0.41
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-do- Accum 416.04 442.60P + 4.60 1.65
Stwrdship Inc Dist 74.35 79.10P + 0.78 4.40
-do- Accum 93.30 99.19P + 0.73 3.06
N Am Stshp Dist 101.41 107.88 + 2.80 0.39
-do- Accum 107.27 114.12 + 2.96 0.39

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GANDA 349.60 263.90P + 2.30 1.80
Cash 49.56 50.30P + 0.08 4.34
Growth Portfolio 116.77 94.15 - 0.52 0.82
Income Portfolio 73.14 77.38P + 0.65 3.23

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Far East & Gen 271.20 290.00P + 0.40 ...
Germany 125.50 134.03 + 1.20 ...
Global Assets Inc 81 41 85.98 0.88
Income Inc 151.40 162.00 - 1.50 4.87
International 339.20 362.80 + 4.90 0.65
Intl Income 88.34 93.80P + 1.32 3.76
Japan & General 396.10 421.80 + 2.10 ...
Korean Securities 65.08 69.42 + 1.28 0.19
Smllr Cos Div Inc 49.42 52.86 + 0.95 5.49
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Cash Trust 131.65 131.65P - 0.07 4.63
Financial Inv Inc 158.74 168.06 + 0.84 4.44
UK Index 155.43 158.00 + 1.09 2.73
UK Smaller Cos 115.79 123.20 + 4.98 1.40
Income Funds
Preference Share 28.35 30.32 - 0.03 8.34
High Income 36.88 39.44P + 0.07 4.41
UK Equity Income 151.29 161.81 + 1.05 3.80
Global Bond 30.95 32.07P - 0.28 4.55
International Funds
Frontier Markets 66.49 71.11 + 2.79 ...
Global Inc & Gth 140.30 149.47 + 2.96 1.47
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Global Utilities 140.03 149 46P + 2.35 0.66
Overseas Funds
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Euro Sel Opps 122.37 129.94 - 0.12 0.22
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Emerging Mkts 202.17 202.17 + 9.50 ...
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-do- Europe 144.71 144.71 + 0.43 1.67
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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	348	Abbey Ntl	512	-1	11.8	2.9	19.7
203	179	Allied Irish	203	...	...	3.5	15.0
229½	130	Ans New Z	225½	-½	...	3.9	∞
3606¼	2712½	Bankamerica	3162½	+25	...	...	...
205	177	Bk of Ireland	201	-2	...	4.3	21.5
375	325	Bk Leumi UK	375	...	17.0	5.7	...
240½	116½	Bank Scotland	225	-2	4.6	2.6	30.6
652	362	Barclays	636	...	...	2.5	...
28	15¼	Carlisle	28½	+1	...	...	...
608	305	Cater Allen	608†	+9	28.0	5.8	...
171	85	Cattles	171	...	...	3.3	22.8
2457½	1787½	Chase Manh	2325	+12½	...	...	...
2600	1346¼	Citicorp	2500	-18½	...	...	...
497	250	Close Bros	496	...	...	2.8	18.0
£155	4275	Commerzbk	£152½	+212½	...	2.7	...
£348¾	£250¼	Deutsche Bk	£344¾	-125	...	1.8	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	60	...	...	1.0	...
1651	896	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	468	+8	21.5	5.7	12.4
982	490	HSBC	974	+16	20.0	2.6	23.3
998	474	HSBC HK	991	+19	20.0	2.5	21.7
403	243	Hambros	393	+1	14.3	4.5	18.2
428	313	Joseph (L)	418†	...	16.7	5.0	...
159	96	King Shaxson	134†	...	9.0	8.4	...
590	312	Kleinwort Ben	583	...	16.7	3.6	20.2
690	482	Lloyds	659	-5	19.1	3.6	18.8
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	95	...	2.9	3.8	18.8
575	322	Nat Aust Bk	564†	+10	...	3.8	∞
636	398	Nat West	620	-1	17.8	3.6	37.7
460	220	Provident	454	-1	12.4	3.4	19.7
60	39	Rea Bros	59	...	0.5	1.2	62.7
470	207	Ryl Bk Scot	456†	-2	...	3.0	20.6
1368	467½	Schroders	1368	+4	...	1.0	...
1268	576	Stand Chart	1242	+8	20.5	2.1	...
260	145½	TSB	242	-1	6.4	3.3	...
190	78	Union Disc	167	...	...	...	...
968	529	Warburg SG	931	-3	...	2.7	13.6
8831¼	4843½	Wells Fargo	8825	+75	...	2.3	...
214	121	Westpac	211†	-3	...	2.4	...
325	188	Wintrust	315	...	9.3	3.7	28.2

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	680†	-10	...	3.9	18.9
647	441	Bass	536†	-4	...	4.6	14.5
299	189	Boddington	285	-3	7.5	3.3	16.6
430	362	Bulmer (HP)	411	+2	...	3.2	16.3
184	129	Burtonwd Brw	180	+1	4.7	3.3	15.0
145	75	Eldridge P 'A'	143	...	...	3.2	∞
70½	50	Posters Brewing	65½	+2½	...	4.0	∞
435	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	425	...	7.5	2.2	18.1
482½	373	Grand Met	479½	+1½	...	3.5	18.2
475	347	Greenalls Grp	475	+6	...	3.3	16.1
575	505	Greene King	555	...	...	2.8	15.4
521	388	Guinness	477½	-19½	...	3.2	17.8
281	230	Hardy Hansn	239	...	8.5	4.6	∞
138	105	Heavitree	135	...	3.0	2.8	32.2
364	255	Highland Dist	358	...	...	2.3	17.8
3138	2538	Holt J	3125	...	42.0	1.7	20.4
80	33	Hoskins Brew	75	...	...	...	54.0
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	301	...	...	2.9	17.2
138	118	Macallan-Glen	133	...	4.3	4.1	20.9
465	375	Macdn Marrn 'A'	390	-10	...	2.8	18.6
246	164	Mansfield	246†	+1	...	2.0	17.6
299	231	Minson Thmp	275	...	...	2.5	15.3
565	288½	Matthew Clark	565	...	...	4.0	18.8
300	210	Mrydwn W	220†	-10	7.0	4.0	19.7
580	455	Morland	513	...	...	2.4	17.6
12	6¼	Paramount	10½	...	...	2.1	∞
214	145	Regent Inns	214	...	...	2.6	21.7
1500	753	SA Breweries	1500†	+57	...	1.8	25.4
554	393	Scot & New	535	-2	...	4.0	16.2
225	155½	Taunton Cider	173†	...	6.2	4.5	13.5
283	213	Vaux Group	278	...	9.5	4.4	∞
361	225	Wetherspoon JD	361	+8	...	1.9	28.0
592	435	Whitbread 'A'	580	-2	...	3.9	13.9
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	527†	...	12.6	3.0	∞
515	475	Young 'A'	483	-2	14.7	3.8	20.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
155	73	Abbey	155	...	...	1.6	25.5
25½	12	Albrighton	18	...	...	0.7	...
160	87	Allen	160†	...	...	3.9	36.3
128	65	Amec	124	-3	3.0	3.0	22.9
12	4	Anglia Sec	9½	...	...	...	...
337	150	Ashtead	336	...	...	1.7	35.5
143	101	Atwoods	135	+1	...	4.6	...
360	180	BPB Ind	353	...	...	2.7	42.2
96	57	Baggeridge Brk	94	...	3.1	4.3	∞
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	...	0.6	2.8	...
108	74	Barton	83	...	3.0	4.6	∞
56½	32½	Bardon	47	...	2.0	5.3	23.2
220	94	Barratt Devs	214	-1	4.0	2.3	∞
493	305	Bellway	493	+3	12.0	3.0	∞
47	15	Bellwinch	47	...	...	...	...
533	295½	Berkeley Gp	533	...	...	1.5	28.7
118	45	Bett Bros	118	...	...	2.1	15.2
68	36	Blockleys	64	-1	1.0	2.0	70.7
358	189	Blue Circle	337	...	...	4.2	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	278	...	6.0	2.7	15.6
117	78	Breedon PLC	97	...	4.6	5.4	23.9
133	82	Br Dredging	133	...	5.2	4.9	29.5
86	45	Brit Fittings	78	...	1.7	2.8	...
169	99	Bryant	168	...	...	3.6	33.9
134	53	CALA	134	+2	...	3.0	...
355	200	CRH	354	...	...	2.4	19.4
43	18	Cakebread Rby	31	...	...	...	...
41½	21	Costain	29½	+½	...	...	...
170	86½	Countryside	170	+2	...	3.1	∞
102	38	Crest Nicholson	101	...	0.0	...	...
112	27	Cussins	103	...	...	1.2	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	0.3	3.0	...
285	178	Epwin	275	...	7.0	3.2	23.3
59	32	Erith	57	...	0.3	0.8	...
506	252	Eve Group	440	...	...	2.9	16.5
140	97	Freeman Gp	134	...	...	4.7	21.3
50	38	Galliford	41	...	...	3.0	...
87	52	Gibbs & Dandy	87	...	...	2.9	...
923	695	Gleeson (MJ)	913	...	...	1.7	15.9
167	90	Hewden-Stuart	167	...	...	2.4	29.8
51	28	Hewetson	47	...	...	3.4	33.6
411	173	Heywd Wm	407†	-3	13.0	4.0	...
126	37	Higgs & Hill	126	+2	2.5	2.5	...
38	26	How Gp	26	...	...	3.0	...
22	15	Howard Hldgs	21½	+½	0.5	2.9	...
86	39	Ibstock Johnsen	85	-1	1.0	1.5	...
25	12½	Jarvis	25	...	...	...	...
316	196	Laing (J)	307	-2	9.0	3.7	12.3
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	122½	...	...	6.5	...
115	65	Lt Clydesdale	115	...	4.5	4.9	43.3
23	10	Lovell (YJ)	19½	...	...	...	4.8
390	240	Manders	389	...	9.3	3.0	23.8
192½	93	Marley	187	+1	4.2	2.8	54.9
139	61	Marshalls	139	+5	...	3.6	...
196	122	Maunders (J)	196	...	...	3.3	18.9
249	96	McAlpine (A)	249	...	6.5	3.3	43.1
63	23	McCarthy & S	58	-1	0.5	1.1	...
549	272	Meyer Int	515	+1	...	2.4	51.6
137	62	Mowlem (J)	136	...	4.0	3.7	...
165	51	NSM	150	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
175	106	Newman Tnks	171	...	...	4.9	22.8
313	197	Persimmon	312	...	8.6	3.4	31.8
26	9	Phoenix Timber	9	...	...	...	...
1750	1237½	Pochins	1750	...	29.0	2.1	24.7
215	80	Prowting	197	-1	3.4	2.2	...
605	555	RMC Gp	932	-5	...	3.7	35.0
117	75½	Raine Ind	94	-1	...	4.0	22.2
36	18	Ransom	25	...	...	...	...
603	402	Redland	585	+1	25.0	5.3	34.0
84	64	Rosalel	80	...	4.3	6.7	11.8
342	207	Rugby Group	337	+1	6.4	2.4	25.8
68	23	Swilld-Rvee	58	...	...	0.5	...
163	68	Sharpe & Fisher	162	...	...	3.1	28.2
276	86½	Sheffield Insl	276	...	...	2.4	67.7
255	82	Sheriff Hldgs	253	...	...	1.8	∞
95	66	Shorco	94	...	...	6.9	21.4
240	196	Smart (J)	228	...	...	4.7	17.2
6½	1½	Stanmin	3	...	...	...	...
180	100	Tarmac	172½	+5½	5.5	4.0	...
204	131	Tay Homes	204	+4	...	3.6	25.2
148	63	Taylor Woodrw	145	-1	1.0	0.9	...
645	433	Tilbury Dougls	628	...	33.0	6.6	20.4
39	19	Torex Hire	36	...	...	1.4	...
315	168	Travis Perkins	314	...	8.0	3.2	55.3
21	5½	Trencherwood	16	...	...	...	...
40	25	Try Group	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.9
28	12	Tudor	21	...	...	1.5	...
99	41	Vibroplant	93	...	2.5	3.4	33.4
65	20	Ward Hldgs	54	...	...	...	...
36	15	Waterhouse	34	...	...	...	...
475	340	Watts Blake	453	...	...	3.3	19.5
23	6½	Wescol	23	...	...	...	...
200	90	Westbury	200	...	5.0	3.1	31.2
4½	3	Wiggins	3½	...	...	...	...
509	362	Wilson Bowdn	508	-1	...	2.2	38.7
231	147	Wilson (C)	230	...	3.9	2.1	39.8
194	104	Wimpey G	180	...	...	3.5	...
47	15	YBM	28	+4	0.5	2.2	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	598	+5	...	...	...
258	198	Adam & Harvey	255	...	13.0	6.4	4.7
92	56	Air London	64	...	...	6.8	11.4
56	37	African Lakes	44	...	2.0	5.7	...
178	93	Auto Sec	129	...	...	5.9	23.1
140	84	BET Ord	135	...	...	2.1	5.4
116	41	BNB Res	115	...	4.9	5.3	...
318	183	BPP	230	...	8.3	4.5	12.7
178	159	BSM	162	-3	...	4.5	14.2
285	195	Barbour Index	233	...	8.0	4.3	15.9
28	15	Bousted	22	...	0.7	4.0	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	215	...	4.7	2.8	15.7
26	11	Broadcastle	23	...	...	1.4	18.3
73	48	Brooks Service	58	...	...	1.1	...
109	86	CRT Gp	98	...	...	3.7	17.2
240	139½	Capita Group	238	-1	...	1.2	37.2
37	31	Castex Plc	54½	...	...	2.1	21.0
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	22½	...	...	...	...
70	26	Christie	68	+3	...	...	...
384	228	Chubb Sec	367†	+2	...	1.8	22.8
116	90	Comac	110	-1	...	1.7	28.7
42	6½	Corp Services	41	...	...	...	...
91	20	Coutts Cnsltg	84	-3	...	...	...
161	50	Dart	161†	...	3.3	2.6	21.8
256	198	Davis Service	239	...	...	4.2	18.0
124	85	EW Fact	119	...	4.4	4.7	13.6
32	11	Gardiner	25	...	0.4	2.1	17.3
288	215	Hays	288	...	...	2.3	25.1
255	174	Hogg Robinsn	255	+2	...	3.3	18.6
70	34	Holmes Protectn	37	-1	...	...	2.3
342	127	Hutch Whamp	337	-5	...	1.4	28.2
2175	975	ISS B DKr	2125	...	...	1.0	14.7
637	475	Inchcape	553	-9	...	3.2	18.0
875	669	Johnson Clean	867	...	25.7	3.7	14.9
12	2½	Lep	7	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mitie Gp	280	...	3.5	1.5	22.0
1187	893	Manpower	1165	+29	1.8	3.4	22.8
69½	40½	Michael Page	65½	...	...	8.7	4.3
370	115	Penna	115	...	...	...	...
4½	2	Prime People	3½	...	...	29.3	3.5
142	57	Proudfoot Alex	86	...	14.1	4.8	12.7
423	357	RCO	370	...	...	2.5	...
118	86	REA	100	+2	2.0	...	...
110	43	Read Executive	110	...	...	...	...
168	105	Reliance Sec	155	...	...	5.4	22.5
249	178	Rentokil	241	-½	2.5	1.3	30.1
295	220	Rolfe & Nolan	295†	...	...	3.2	20.3
399	319	Salvesen (C)	335†	...	...	2.9	22.2
51	26	Scott Pickford	50	-1	...	2.0	15.9
10	5	Select Appo	9	...	...	...	...
1278	695	Serco Gp	1278	+3	13.3	1.3	35.4
132	83	Sherwd Cmpe	110	-2	...	8.0	3.2
130	50	Starchley	100	...	...	3.8	22.9
355	310	Warner Howrd	325	...	6.6	2.6	17.0
45	27	Welpac	27	...	...	...	...
28	14	Wills Gp	25½	...	...	2.0	17.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	232	-1	...	2.4	21.3
1041	613	Amersham	1025	...	...	1.7	29.5
7	1½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
£118¼	8325	BASF DM	£118½	-6½	...	5.6	...
319	199	BTP	319†	+5	...	3.7	25.6
£143¾	£103¼	Bayer DM50	£142½	-84½	...	3.8	...
128	108	Blagden	108	...	6.5	7.5	11.6
165	93	Brent Chems	126	...	...	7.3	11.5
330	345	Br Bio-Tech	353	...	...	...	...
29	5	Calex Gp	9½	...	...	22.2	16.0
180	126	Canning (W)	158	...	7.2	5.8	18.1
250	217	Celltech	224	...	...	3.6	12.3
608	421	Courtaulds	488	+6	...	3.0	19.1
347	228	Croda	332	...	4.6	5.1	8.7
140	103	Doeflex	113	...	...	3.8	22.4
234	175	Ellis & Everard	234	-½	0.8	3.1	17.2
42½	15½	Euro Colour	36	...	...	2.3	17.3
340	259	Halstead (J)	349	...	...	5.7	16.3
241	150	Hickson	176	...	...	3.0	...
£125¾	8850	Hoechst	£122½	-62½	...	2.9	14.5
229	157	Holliday Chem	158	...	...	4.3	...
804	608	ICI	800	-2	...	3.4	20.4
740	570	Laporte	740	+4	10.9	5.1	16.9
238	181	Leigh	192†	...	...	...	...
97½	35	MTM	50	...	...	1.5	27.2
2280	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1912½	-21½	...	3.4	15.7
465	370	Pittrd Zoch	465	...	...	3.8	14.2
430	360	-do- 'A'	430	...	...	...	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
306	193	Flyco	218	...	...	4.1	18.4
301	173	Porvair	268	...	3.8	1.8	28.7
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	58	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	447	...	...	4.8	20.7
575	395	Wolstenholme R	570	-3	17.0	3.7	19.5
425	330	Yorks Chem	393	...	...	2.5	21.0
300	233	Yule Catto	262	...	...	2.9	14.3
845	593	Zeneca	840½	-1½	...	4.1	49.6

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	66	...	...	5.7	...
209	173	Allders	204	...	...	3.7	15.2
87	42	Amber Day	65†	...	1.3	2.6	∞
388	257	Argos Plc	283	...	...	2.3	30.7
25	9½	Ashley Group	10½	...	...	2.3	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	81	...	0.1	0.2	...
330	278	Asprey	307†	...	5.2	2.1	19.8
186	94	Austin Reed	186	...	...	1.7	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	+1	...	5.2	14.9
123	94	Bentalls	123	+2	1.9	1.9	...
278	125	Benetton	135	+2	...	2.0	16.2
42	23	Blacks Leis	37†	...	2.2	7.6	...
229	133	Body Shop	225	-1	...	1.0	29.0
18½	9½	Brown & Jackson	12½	...	...	0.8	6.8
434	318	Brown (N)	425	+2	...	2.1	25.0
87½	60½	Burton	69½	+1	...	3.6	...
195	126	Cantors	195	...	...	2.6	27.2
428	225	Church	428	+8	12.5	3.7	38.1
183	97	Clinton Cards	140	...	4.3	3.6	18.0
280½	212	Coats Viyella	257½	-½	...	3.6	35.6
112	78	Colorvision	91	+6	5.6	7.7	16.3
181	154	C'ty Casuals	160	...	...	3.2	14.8
935	374	Courts Furnish	880	...	5.6	0.8	11.5
155	115	Crown Eyes	155†	...	...	6.0	10.6
136	89	Dairy Farm Intl	135	-1	...	2.7	19.8
98½	51¼	Dewhirst (D)	98	...	0.8	1.0	31.5
293	189	Dixons Grp	285	+1	...	2.7	...
21	8	ERA Gp	9	...	...	...	73.8
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
244	71	Essex Furn	217	-1	...	2.0	34.7
273	203	Etam	246	+4	7.0	3.6	22.6
608	499	Fine Art Dev	519†	...	13.0	3.1	16.9
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
690	498	Forminster	690	...	14.5	2.7	12.4
180	34	French Conn	125	...	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	73	...	...	3.6	22.7
100	23	Goldsmiths Gp	89	...	0.3	0.4	...
659	334	GUS	649	-1	...	2.2	19.9
40	21	Hampden Grp	21	...	...	6.0	10.4
277	30	Hartstone	53	-2	...	...	...
33	20	Helene Plc	32½	...	2.0	7.7	15.4
98	29	Heritage	98	...	...	...	...
79	35	Honeysuckle	70	...	...	4.0	∞
181	63	Jacques Vert	179	...	...	2.1	13.7
783	496	Kingfisher	774	+1	...	2.2	26.6
78	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	76	+1	4.0	6.6	15.7
685	465	Liberty	535	...	7.2	1.7	63.0
380	241	Lloyds Chem	372	-1	...	2.4	13.1
180	120	MFI	169	-1	...	2.9	34.3
461½	311	Marks Spencer	459½	-1½	...	2.3	23.2
588	445	Menzies (John)	588	+2	...	2.3	16.7
253	135	Moss Bros	238	...	5.5	2.9	28.0
238	139½	Next	231½	+2½	3.5	1.9	27.6
41	15	Oliver (G)	39	...	...	...	...
325	197	Owlhame Intl	310	...	...	4.0	15.0
63	24	Pentos	25	...	0.8	4.0	5.2
315	185	QS Hldgs	225	...	5.1	2.9	16.0
69½	20½	Rhino Grp	62	-1	...	...	...
189	120	Rosebys	189	+1	...	3.2	22.7
181	135	Sherwood Gp	148	+1	...	2.2	13.3
131½	93	Sears	127½	-½	...	3.4	...
43½	11	Signet Group	36	-½	...	...	...
527	400	Smith WH 'A'	510	+3	...	3.5	16.7
119	83	-do- 'B'	118½	...	...	3.0	19.4
20	4½	Specialeyes	14	...	...	...	...
241	176	Storehouse	237	+1	...	2.7	23.2
191	146	T & S Stores	147	...	6.0	5.1	10.9
162	71	Tie Rack	158	...	1.0	0.8	25.9
242	160	Time Products	242	+3	7.7	4.0	20.9
128	68	Usher (Frank)	112	...	...	6.7	9.7
396	302	Vendome	387	-4	...	2.0	18.0
45	27	Vivat	38	+1	1.0	3.3	11.8
48	34	Wensum	44	...	...	5.3	...
120	76	Wickes	114	...	...	0.2	51.8
78	45	Wid of Leather	54	...	...	...	...
192½	143	Wyevale	183	+7	...	2.9	24.2
4	2½	Xtra-vision	2½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	143	-1½	...	4.4	14.4
275	223	Acal	263†	...	...	3.1	18.9
162½	38	Acorn Cmpe	70	...	...	...	35.5
485	385	Admiral	485	...	5.7	1.5	20.5
170	104	Alba	169	...	...	3.7	18.4
50	19½	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	40	+½	0.5	1.6	∞
128	61	App Holo	74	...	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	33	-½	...	...	...
88	35½	Astec	81	...	...	0.4	...
293	224	Beales Hunter	243	...	...	4.8	15.0
9	2	Bennett & Fount	2½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	402	+1	19.2	6.0	...
558	408	Blick	475	...	10.2	2.7	∞
1700	925	Borland	1100	...	...	...	...
384	270	Bowthorpe	354†	...	...	2.4	23.5
489½	376	BT	472½	-2½	...	4.3	18.2
232½	150	BT P/P	215†	-2	...	9.4	10.2
18½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	14½	...	0.1	0.8	...
160	48	Burnfield	66	...	5.7	10.9	10.4
545	334½	Cable Wireless	522†	-8	...	1.8	27.3
27½	17½	Chloride	24½	...	...	...	...
273	229	CML Micro	270	...	...	2.2	19.6
115	74	Comptr People	108	...	...	...	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	161	...	...	1.2	16.5
433	243	Critchley	427†	...	...	1.4	24.6
524	414	Delta	484	+1	...	3.6	20.2
455	305	Denmans Els	453	...	...	1.7	19.3
420	295	Domino	400	...	7.4	2.3	13.7
74	48	Dowding Mills	74	...	...	4.2	31.7
1220	865	Drucks	1220	...	10.0	1.0	26.0
526	358	Electrocmpnts	526	+3	...	3.0	21.4
770	470	El Data Prc	593	...	3.5	1.2	∞
146	43	Electron House	145	+6	2.6	2.2	31.8
30½	10½	Emess	21	...	0.1	0.6	...
733	442	Eurotherm	733	+4	9.5	1.6	∞
195½	108	FKI	193½	...	...	2.1	28.3
569½	340	Farnell Elect	564½	+4½	...	1.5	29.9
91	33	Feedback	73†	...	...	3.4	9.9
1	1	Ferranti	1†	...	...	...	...
304	101	First Tech	300½	...	...	0.8	24.9
270	81	Forward Gp	232	...	...	2.2	16.4
22½	19½	Forward Tech	15	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	341½	+1½	10.4	3.8	17.1
192	132	Gestetnr	163	...	...	8.4	34.3
14	7½	Graysone	11	...	...	...	...
52	35	Hitclare	39†	...	...	1.6	...
169	83	INSTEM	135	...	...	2.9	9.7
165	118	Ind Contrl	149	...	...	3.7	15.0
388	320	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	15.6
105	26	Kalamazoo	100†	...	2.7	3.4	23.2
19	8	Kenbray	12½	...	0.1	1.6	...
360	260	Kenwood App	360	+1	...	2.7	20.0
265	47	Kewill Sys	222	-1	...	...	...
209	160	Kode	160	-3	6.0	4.7	19.0
60	16	Laser-Scan	19	...	...	...	...
265	122	LDMS	145	...	...	0.6	20.4
300	205	Lec Refrig	258	...	9.0	4.4	...
179	129	Life Sciences	152	+1	3.7	3.1	16.5
285	164	Logica	273	...	...	1.8	31.5
55	44	LPA Ind	52	...	...	8.5	14.7
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	205	+2	...	3.2	19.3
718	523	Macro 4	675	+3	...	3.3	20.6
243	179½	Memec-Swa	242	+4	...	1.9	21.4
3013	903	Micro Focus	1000	-3	...	...	9.2
222	144	Microgen	148	...	7.2	6.1	10.1
38½	23½	Microvitec	32½	-½	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	505	...	...	1.7	18.4
384	98	Mitel	372	+10	...	...	...
153	108	MMT Cmpg	143	...	...	3.5	19.5
52	16	Molynx	36½	...	1.3	...	...
272	202	MTL Instr	252	...	...	1.8	19.0
165	103	Multitone Elect	141	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
268	116	Murray Enter	268	...	...	1.9	∞
3206½	2612½	NYNEX	2737½	...	...	...	...
188	128	Neotronics	128	...	2.6	2.5	16.5
65	42	Newmark (L)	54	...	...	...	...
295	82	Norbain	283	...	...	0.7	21.8
75	20	Northamber	47	...	0.6	1.6	...
15½	5	Oceonics	8	...	...	...	...
330	195	Oxford Inst	319	+1	4.6	1.8	21.8
83	48	P-E Internt'l	78	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	64	-2	1.5	2.9	34.0
87	55	Peek	87	+1	3.4	4.9	22.7
227	115	Pegasus	214	...	...	3.7	54.9
9750	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9750	...	...	5.9	...
1437½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1400	+12½	...	...	...
364	211	[illegible]	360	+15	...	1.6	26.8
320	171½	Pifco	320	+15	...	1.7	26.0
310	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	310	...	...	...	...
96	63	Plasmec	72	...	...	5.3	6.1
120	76	Pressac	105	...	...	3.1	22.3
188	81	Prism	182	+1	...	1.7	48.3
261	147	Racal Elect	193†	+3	4.2	2.7	11.5
70	34	Radamec	34	-2	...	3.5	7.5
70	24	Radius	28	...	2.2	10.0	9.7
92	61	Real Time	73	...	...	5.1	15.0
35	18	Riva	25	...	...	...	31.7
628	367	Sage Gp	510	-3	9.9	2.5	∞
348	222	Sanderson Elec	320	...	9.9	3.9	13.4
88	49	Scantronic	75†	...	5.1	5.3	20.5
181	117	Scholes Grp	165	...	...	3.8	21.4
375	220	Sema Gp	310	...	2.9	1.2	25.1
42	26	Silvermines	42	...	...	3.0	...
71	37	Soundtracks	70	...	...	4.1	23.6
2675	1737½	TDK	2287½	+9½	...	1.4	25.9
27	4½	TDS Circuits	11½	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	153	+2	0.8	0.7	25.2
1017	809	THORN EMI	990	-6	...	4.1	22.7
152	96	Thorpe FW	136	...	...	2.5	15.8
103	23	Total Systems	24	...	1.5	7.8	4.3
575	372	Tunstall	568	...	7.0	1.6	∞
285	164	Unitech	255	...	...	3.0	60.6
15	6	Verity	14	-½	...	...	...
35	22	Vistec	24†	+2	...	2.0	14.2
612	367	Vodafone	594	+3	...	1.6	25.8
473	368	Volex	448†	+4	18.1	5.1	18.4
26	11	Western Selectn	20†	...	0.2	1.6	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	270	...	11.7	5.4	28.7

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
676	389	East Midlands	650	-2	...	4.0	11.4
704	399	Eastern Elec	675	-7	...	3.8	12.7
480½	304	Hydro-Elect	469½	-8	...	3.3	15.5
677	404	London Elec	660	-4	...	4.1	12.3
772	458	Manweb	757	-2	...	3.6	9.4
731	434½	Midlands Elec	720	-1	...	3.7	11.3
510	273	National Powr	484	-7	...	2.9	12.0
741	440	Northern Elec	722	-6	...	3.9	9.3
283	100	Nthn Ireland	267	-3	...	4.8	8.8
788	439	Norweb	786	-2	20.8	3.5	10.7
572	353	PowerGen	545	-7	...	2.6	14.3
487	285	Scottish Power	456	-7	...	3.2	16.8
754	436	Seeboard	741	-3	...	3.5	9.6
766	460	Sth Wales	762	+2	...	3.8	11.6
706	426	Sth Western	695	-2	...	3.8	10.1
734	406	Southern Elec	708	-3	...	3.7	9.5
692	455	Yorkshire Elec	674	-6	...	4.0	12.6

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	53	...	1.0	2.4	11.2
133	47	BWD	133	+1	...	3.2	20.8
101	26	Baltic Plc	90	...	...	1.3	...

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
628	413	Caledonia	621	...	...	3.1	23.2
1900	1075	Camellia	1900	...	...	2.0	7.1
349	243	Candover	349	...	10.4	3.7	24.7
385	71	Flextech	379#	...	...	0.2	...
377	155	Govett	377	+4	...	4.4	11.1
188	125	Ivory Sime	186	...	...	4.5	15.9
9½	3	LIT	8½	+½	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaiting	235	...	8.7	4.6	17.1
79	47	Manakin	70	...	...	...	...
3½	3½	Nat Home Loan	3½	...	...	...	...
53	40	Newmarket	53	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Brs	316	...	6.5	2.6	19.2
26	17	Rutland Tst	21½	...	...	4.7	12.8
340	253	S & U	315	...	10.2	4.0	11.7
85	48	Singer & Fried	85	...	...	4.4	...
1118	713	Sotheby's	1118	...	...	3.0	...
133	113	STP Capital	132	...	3.0	2.8	54.4

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2566½	1487½	Amer Express	2125	+25	...	...	...
1133	835	Henderson Ad	1025	...	...	3.1	23.6
203	92	Invesco	189	...	...	2.0	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	317	+6	...	2.5	13.3
264	154	MAI	264	...	...	3.3	16.7
728	389	MAM	721	-2	16.0	2.8	18.0
1031	633	M & G	1031	+5	25.0	3.1	∞
433	109	Smith New Ct	418	-3	...	2.1	4.1
81	45	Trio Hldgs	61	...	2.5	5.1	∞

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
569½	456	AB Food	563	-1	...	3.4	11.5
77½	46½	ASDA Group	55½	-1	1.6	3.8	...
345	170	Acatos & Hutch	339	...	8.0	3.0	∞
80	55	Albert Fisher	67	...	3.7	7.0	∞
407	246	Argyll	276†	-1	...	5.0	9.3
230	160	Banks (S C)	220	...	9.0	5.1	9.8
402	305	Barr (AG)	309	...	6.5	2.6	15.6
85	56	Bensons Crsps	56	-1	...	6.4	12.6
141	100	Berisford Intl	127	+1	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	416	+3	...	6.5	36.1
52	35	Borthwick	49½	...	...	3.0	61.5
505	430	Brake Bros	468	...	6.3	1.7	19.5
51	38	Budgen	40	...	...	3.1	12.1
519	407	Cadbury-Schw	509	-4	...	3.3	18.0
153	78	Carrs Milling	153	+4	...	3.6	10.9
196	133	Cranswick	167	...	...	6.1	15.6
22	8½	Cullens	14½	...	0.5	4.3	41.7
384	119	Dalepak	122	...	6.0	6.1	9.6
521	434	Dalgety	491	-2	...	5.3	14.0
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
357	191	Devro	349	...	...	2.8	23.7
134	99	Everest	101	...	...	4.6	18.3
383	269	Fairpak	377	+2	5.7	1.9	23.2
10	3	Ferringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	72	-1	...	7.2	23.9
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	18.0
483	305	Geest	343	...	8.1	3.0	15.4
16	7	Global	14	...	...	4.5	21.8
50	43	Grand Central	49	...	0.8	2.0	...
203	159	Hazlewood Fds	149†	+3	...	5.5	8.4
175	131	Hillsdown	159	-1	8.8	6.9	12.5
250	146	Iceland Group	174	...	...	2.5	11.0
131	92	JLI Group	108	...	...	5.9	11.0
853	542	Kwik Save	616	-6	...	3.7	13.1
362	144	Low (Wm)	161	...	...	6.5	5.6
87	42	Matthews (B)	86	...	2.3	3.4	56.3
19½	11	Merchant Retail	13	...	0.9	9.3	26.2
174	84	Morrison (W)	111	-1	...	0.9	14.4
233	177	Nichols (JN)	228	...	5.5	3.0	16.5
291	207½	Nthn Foods	234†	+5	...	4.5	11.4
20½	8	Nthmbrn Fn	9	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	181	...	...	4.3	10.0
276	205	Park Foods	275	-1	...	2.7	21.2
115	58	Perkins Food	69	...	...	8.1	7.9
115	47	PizzaExpress	115	+2	...	0.5	24.3
9	1½	Regina Hlth	5	-½	...	...	...
584	360	Sainsbury J	444	-5	...	2.9	15.6
86	33	Sentry Farms	73	...	...	2.6	13.1
225	90	Sims Food	94†	+1	...	8.6	18.1
439	355½	Tate & Lyle	400	...	...	4.1	10.2
273	176	Tesco	213½	-1½	...	4.3	9.7
211	123	Thorntons	165	+1	...	2.8	...
183	101	Treats	167	...	...	2.8	19.1
410	300	Unigate	366	...	...	5.6	12.0
457	326	Utd Biscuits	361	+1	...	5.3	22.3
24½	18½	Usborne	21	...	...	3.2	15.5
337	248	Watson & Phil	284	...	13.2	5.8	14.8
59	30½	West Trust	38†	...	...	8.9	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abutn Stk H	26	...	...	...	...
93½	77	City Centre Rest	91	...	1.5	2.2	22.0
269	170	Forte	261	-1½	...	3.6	20.5
215	148	Friendly Hotels	175	...	...	4.1	34.1
11½	5	Harmony Props	9½	...	...	...	...
162	87	Jarvis Hotel	162	...	...	3.9	13.1
222½	142	Ladbroke	162½	-4	11.1	8.6	13.9
97	59	Mandarin Orntl	97	+3	...	1.5	24.1
2½	¼	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45#	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18½	...	...	6.8	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	800	...	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	54	...	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	36	...	...	...	2.2
616	455	AAH	482	...	...	4.5	16.1
185	123	AIM	141	...	7.5	6.6	8.5
132	88	APV	118	...	...	5.7	...
185	81	ASW	160	+1	...	4.7	...
188½	118	Adwest	184	-1	...	4.9	17.2
29	10	Aerospace Eng	20	...	...	4.7	26.3
288	249	Airsprung	288†	...	...	2.0	18.4
194	113	Alenco W	194	+2	4.1	2.6	30.7
13½	6½	Allied Radio	7½	...	...	...	...
283	207½	Alumasc	283	...	...	2.6	16.7
48	17	Alvis	40	+1	1.0	3.2	∞
725	345	Amber Ind	725	...	...	3.3	16.6
56	45	Amberley Gp	50	...	...	2.5	...
107	75	Anagen	81	...	...	...	...
145	65	Andrews Sykes	68	...	...	5.5	...
1030	788	Antofagasta	1030	+7	...	1.9	19.0
54½	37	Armour	49½	+½	...	4.1	11.8
170	143	Ash & Lacy	168	...	6.4	4.8	17.2
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3	...	...	1.8	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	485†	...	...	4.3	∞
268	168	Assoc Nursg	268	...	...	0.5	16.4
687½	488	Atlas Equip	490	...	...	5.6	12.3
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	66	...	...	...	...
199	147	BBA	195½	-½	...	4.8	16.6
115	28	BLP Group	115	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	24½	...	0.5	3.3	...
770	590	BOC	659	+1	...	4.4	15.6
79½	50	BSG	62½	+½	...	6.4	21.8
549	353	BSS Group	545†	...	...	4.0	30.4
409½	318	BTR	373	-3	...	3.7	20.9
221	147	BWI	150	...	...	3.6	13.9
30	25½	Babcock	32½	+½	...	4.2	19.5
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	7½	-½	...	...	...
289	228	Baird (Wm)	231	+1	8.9	4.8	16.0
1060½	550	Barlow Rand	862½	-6½	...	3.9	∞
66	48	Baynes (Charles)	65	...	...	2.8	26.6
15	4	Beauford	4½	...	...	...	...
10	2	Beckenham	2½	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	29	+1	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	15½	...	...	2.4	11.7
707	285	Bespak	395	...	10.2	3.9	10.4
133	55	Bibby (J)	66	...	2.0	3.8	∞
254	129	Billam (J)	203	-14	5.3	3.3	10.2
41	21½	Bilston Burses	30	...	...	...	...
11½	2	Binsec Ind	3½	...	...	...	...
245	118½	Birkby	244†	...	3.7	1.9	12.7
45	29	Black Arrow	30	...	2.1	8.8	9.4
3	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
258	136	Black (Peter)	257	...	3.7	1.8	22.6
590	120	Bluebird Toys	545	...	...	1.0	16.6
322	230	Bodycote	266	...	...	2.4	17.0
40	23	Bogod 'A'	33	...	0.7	2.7	12.2
609	416	Boots	598	+2	...	2.9	23.6
61	39	Booth Inds	48	...	...	...	...
523	402	Bowater	454	-1	...	3.3	19.0
1682	1189	Bowater Inc	1596	...	...	...	...
279	199	Bowmore Intl	260	...	...	1.8	19.5
19	12½	Brasway	16	...	...	4.0	...
303	204	Brammer	294	...	13.0	5.5	21.9
27	12	Bridgend Gp	25	...	0.4	...	...
125	64	Bridon	122	...	...	4.1	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	81	...	...	3.9	...
51	31	Brierley Inv	51	-1	...	6.6	12.3
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	190	...	8.0	5.3	∞
119	42	Br Bloodstock	114	...	...	...	...
528	415	Br Polythene	449	...	...	2.9	16.1
135½	54	Br Steel	126	+½	...	1.5	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
195	115	Br Thornton	176	...	...	3.6	18.0
288	215	Br Vita	250	...	7.3	3.6	15.4
15½	5½	Brittan Grp	14½	...	...	1.6	...
805	555	Broken Hill	805	+16	...	2.2	38.0
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	92	...	...	6.0	12.0
11½	6½	Brooke Tool	11½	...	...	...	...
73	36	Brown & Tawse	52	...	...	...	...
160	91	Bullough	159	...	6.0	4.8	22.2
24	11½	Business Tech	15	...	...	...	...
28	12	CI Group	15	...	0.5	4.8	14.4
42	11	Campbell & Arm	40	...	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	32½	-½	...	...	...
260	205	Cape	256†	...	...	5.1	17.3
420	254	Caradon	414	+7	...	2.6	33.5
204	128	-do- pf	200½	+2	7.2	4.5	...
273	178	Cardo Eng	273	...	8.6	3.9	19.4
2885	2025	Carnaud Mtl	2250	+25	...	2.8	∞
81	68	Cassidy Bros	81	...	...	3.7	13.2
225	158	Castings	221†	...	4.6	2.6	15.6
71	53	Cathay Intl	65	...	...	...	...
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	175	...	6.5	4.6	10.9
753	605	Charter	729†	...	...	3.8	11.2
345	220	Chemring	314	-1	9.0	3.7	∞
92	45	Chieftain Gp	46	...	4.5	12.2	9.9
45½	15½	Chillington	40	...	1.0	3.2	...
230	144	Christies Int	226	...	...	0.8	58.1
70	34	Claybithe	68	...	...	4.6	...
95	55	Clayton Son	55	...	...	...	...
415	295	Cohen (A)	415	...	3.4	1.0	...
242	179	Community H	242	...	...	3.6	16.5
246	186½	Concentric	215†	...	5.8	3.4	∞
298	120	Cook (Wm)	280	+1	6.0	2.7	17.0
243	182	Cookson	239	-1½	...	3.1	31.6
86	38	Copymore	86	+5	...	1.5	26.3
238	130	Crswll Pkr 'A'	149	+1	...	4.8	20.2
178	92	Cosalt	112†	...	5.3	6.0	∞
245	150	Creighton Nk	244†	...	...	3.8	17.5
48	27	CrestaCare	39	...	0.6	2.1	33.7
3975	2903¼	Dana	3937½	-37½	...	...	...
320	78½	Danka Br Sys	319	+1	...	0.6	30.3
254	193	David Brown	248	+4	...	3.0	17.6
22	5	Davies (DY)	18	...	...	...	...
858	632	De La Rue	858	+4	...	2.8	20.7
38	10	Dinkie Heel	38	...	1.1	3.6	30.3
574	391	Diploma	531	+1	12.0	2.7	∞
91	50	Dobson Park	91†	...	3.7	5.2	∞
119	92	Dyson (J&J)	114	...	5.0	5.5	21.0
83	57	-do- 'A'	81	...	5.0	7.7	14.9
16½	8	EFG	14	...	...	...	...
440	358	EIS	381	+3	...	4.2	15.1
28	19	Elbief	22	...	...	...	...
50	19	Eleco	45	...	...	...	0.00
2537½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2300	...	...	2.3	...
73	43	Elliott (B)	69	...	...	...	...
482	394	Eng China Cl	461	-3	...	5.4	26.8
148	111	Enviromed	131	+1	...	...	...
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2737½	-59½	...	1.1	...
85	32	Eurocopy	85	...	1.7	2.5	∞
87	47	Expamet	60	...	...	5.0	1.4
717	409	Fairey Group	671	...	10.7	2.0	26.7
121	47	Fenner	111	...	...	...	...
85	32	Ferraris Group	83†	...	2.0	3.0	∞
4	½	Ferrometal	4	...	...	...	...
29	13	Ferrum	13	...	1.4	13.5	9.1
68	28	Fife Indmar	63	...	...	5.5	...
251	102	Fisons	136	+2	...	8.1	12.4
55	29	Fitzwilton	53	...	...	8.2	...
288	215	Flogas	263	...	...	3.8	12.0
43	33	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.9	21.6
96	56	French (Thomas)	95	...	3.6	4.8	47.6
259	162	Frost Group	259	+9	...	2.1	33.6
88	70	GEI Int	77	...	...	4.0	...
533	434	GKN	528	+1	...	4.9	35.2
51	42	GR Hldgs	51	...	...	4.4	...
101	79	Garton Eng	96	...	4.1	5.5	...
161	103	Gestetner	145	...	8.2	7.1	6.3
68	23	Gleves	53	...	...	...	38.3
801	509	Glaxo	725	-9	...	3.8	19.0
38½	16	Glenchewton	37	...	...	...	...
374	245	Glynwed	374	+3	11.6	3.9	35.3
128	66	Goode Durrant	125	...	...	5.4	...
184	102	Grampian Hd	184	+4	5.5	3.7	32.0
539	341	Granada	520	+1	...	2.1	31.3
455	301	Great Shern	452	...	...	3.2	15.6
117	73	Green (Ernst)	81	...	...	10.8	12.5
15½	8½	Greenacre	14½	...	...	2.6	14.3
17	5	Guardian Grp	6	...	...	...	...
69	30½	Haden MacLn	69	...	...	3.6	24.9
102	44	Hadleigh Inds	98†	...	...	1.3	...
290	115	Hall Eng	226	...	8.6	3.9	23.0
235	161	Halma	232	...	...	1.2	29.0
53	30	Hampson Ind	47	...	1.6	4.3	15.5
286½	222	Hanson	268½†	-3	...	5.3	19.9
221	146	Harris (Philip)	147†	...	...	5.8	8.9
205	147	Harrison Crsfld	189	...	9.0	6.0	22.3
135	38	Havelock Euro	135	+6	...	...	...
51	30	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
38	17	Headway	38	+5	...	2.3	...
13½	1½	Healthcare	1½	...	...	...	0.5
449	301	Hepworth	430	-1	14.8	4.3	18.5
228	160	Hewitt (J)	203	...	3.2	2.0	15.9
57½	15	High-Point	55	...	0.5	1.1	...
179	112½	Hill & Smith	179	...	...	3.9	24.9
19½	6½	Hobson	16	...	...	...	77.0
176	87	Holders Tech	172	...	...	4.4	22.4
52	30	Hopkinsons	48	...	0.9	2.3	36.3
188	133	Hornby	176	...	...	6.4	16.6
88	54½	Howden	82	...	2.2	3.4	15.2
260	173	Hunting	215	...	...	5.8	18.1
503	269½	Huntgh Tec	498	+3	...	2.5	12.7
331	247	IMI	327	...	...	3.8	29.0
127	90	ISA Intl	122	+4	1.5	1.5	19.7
205	131	Intercare Gp	154	...	...	2.9	∞
286	235	Isotron	285	+1	4.3	1.9	16.6
707	360	Jardine Math	707	+2	...	1.8	25.6
541	425	Johnson Matth	538†	...	...	2.4	21.0
64	35½	Johnson & FB	37†	...	...	4.6	35.2
177	104	Johnston	162	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	27	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	29	...	0.7	3.2	...
178	73	Kalon	149	...	...	2.0	20.7
297	195	Kelsey Ind	230	...	8.0	4.4	∞
740	465	Kershaw (A)	740	...	27.0	4.6	38.4
226	75	Kleeneze	272	-3	1.0	0.5	∞
164	61	LGW	161	...	3.4	2.7	13.3
351	266	Laird	345	...	...	3.8	17.0
157½	103	Lilleshall	145	...	...	3.8	19.1
223	97	Linzal	205	...	...	3.7	14.4
30½	4½	Lincoln Hse	30½	...	...	...	25.1
128	76	Linread	95	...	3.8	5.0	14.7
338	170	Linton Park	338	+8	...	5.2	12.2
15½	9½	Lionheart	10½	...	0.2	2.4	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	17	...	0.8	6.3	24.7
274	97	Lon Intl	158	-1	6.2	5.7	...
144	70	Lonrho	129	+1	4.0	3.9	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	365	-1	...	3.2	51.1
46	14½	ML Hldgs	46	...	...	...	...
56	27	MS Intl	55	...	...	5.8	35.6
59	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	3.6	11.6
228	168	Macfarlane	228	+5	...	1.8	25.8
460	379	McKechnie	452	...	14.7	4.1	∞
125	85	McLeod Russel	125	+1	...	6.1	18.4
106	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
132	71	Mang Bronze	130	...	2.5	2.4	∞
26½	19½	Marling	20½	...	...	5.2	...
224	124	Mayborn	224	+4	...	2.9	17.2
62	29	Mayflower	53	...	...	1.1	44.3
236	85	Medeva	137½	+½	...	2.2	11.2
118	88	Meggitt	97	...	...	4.9	16.5
125	98	Metair	117	...	...	4.0	19.1
154	118	Metrotect	119†	...	...	3.4	16.5
101	70	Metsec	101	+1	...	...	...
97	29	Midstates	97	...	...	1.0	13.5
28½	14	Mining & Ald	22½	...	0.7	4.3	∞
575	308	Molins	575	...	...	3.1	13.8
366	262	Morgan Cble	365	+1	...	4.3	19.1
184	134	Morris Ashby	176	...	...	4.1	13.2
38	18	Neepsend	34	...	1.0	3.7	45.6
73	34	Nestor-BNA	63	...	3.1	6.3	15.1
214	122	Nobo Gp	214	...	4.8	2.8	21.1
195	122½	Norcros	192	...	...	4.6	27.3
51	33	Novo Group	35	+2	...	3.9	11.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	399	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	58	...	...	...	...
56	21	OMI Intl	56	...	...	4.0	...
166	123	PCT	164	...	...	5.5	18.6
91	36	Pacer Systems	88	...	...	4.9	...
138	87½	Pentland	102	...	...	3.2	13.9
395	285	Photo-Me	290	...	4.6	2.0	18.8
186	97½	Pilkington	178†	+½	...	1.8	...
93	68	Plansbrook	93	...	3.1	4.2	14.7
154	125	Polypipe	144	-2	2.1	1.8	19.5
42	15	Porter Chadburn	19	...	...	2.6	8.7
14½	5½	Porth Gp	12½	...	...	...	...
326	272	Powerscreen	315	+4	...	2.7	16.4
21½	16½	Prospect Inds	19	...	0.8	5.4	∞
65	33½	RPS Group	56	...	2.3	5.1	12.4
98	73	Radiant Metal	85	...	...	...	...
186	77	Ramco Oil	154	...	...	0.8	51.6
990	636	Rank Org	985½	+7½	31.0	3.9	27.0
33	13	Ransomes	13	...	...	...	...
725	532	Reckitt Colm	722	+2	...	2.9	16.6
77	50	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	3½	...	...	...	...
277	131	Relyon	270	...	5.0	3.3	32.4
303	208	Renishaw	299	...	...	2.7	35.5
127	55	Renold	127	...	...	1.7	...
1885	1240	Reuters	1787	-13	22.1	1.5	29.5
83	24½	Rexmore	78	...	2.0	3.3	...
194	91	Ricardo Group	193	...	...	3.7	27.3
76	58	Richard (Leics)	70	...	3.7	6.7	...
98	63	Richardson West	86	...	3.0	4.4	22.0
142	109	Ropner	130	...	8.2	7.9	18.4
136	97	-do- 'A'	126	...	8.2	8.2	17.9
38	14	Ross Gp	17	...	0.6	4.8	6.9
184	131½	Rotork	174	...	...	2.7	20.4
167	89	Rubicon	167	...	...	3.3	23.4
66	43	Russell (A)	62	...	...	1.0	...
37	15	SEP Indl	37†	...	0.8	2.7	∞
1112½	625	SKF 'B'	1112½	+12½	...	...	...
63	39	Saville Grdn (J)	62	...	...	4.4	30.9
248	205	Scapa	233†	-1	...	3.0	17.4
238	179	Scholl	180	-1	...	4.4	13.1
323	277	Scotia	295	...	...	...	...
1155	917	Securicor	1148	...	2.6	0.3	43.7
894	562	-do- 'A'	866	...	2.6	0.4	33.0
770	465	Security Serv	742	...	5.1	0.9	36.7
126½	77	Senior Eng	126½	+2	...	3.2	21.1
361	278	Seton Health	328	+7	...	2.3	19.4
43	31	Sheldon Jones	32†	...	...	...	...
166	88	Shiloh	140	...	3.0	2.7	15.1
344	271	Sidlaw	306	+1	...	4.3	15.2
587	427	Siebe	570	...	...	2.3	20.0
383	220	Silentnight	358	...	...	2.8	19.4
181	102	Sime Darby	168	...	...	3.2	∞
142	...	Simon Eng	132	-½	...	...	...
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	187	...	...	4.7	14.6
47	35	Six Hundred	36	...	...	5.2	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	168½	-½	...	4.0	16.5
573	373	Smithkline	404	-2	9.6	3.0	14.6
450	343	Smithkline Uts	365	+3	...	3.3	12.4
463	323	Smiths Ind	458½	-2	...	3.2	18.4
140	56	Snm Bus	75	...	3.5	5.8	7.1
467	365	Spandex	467	...	...	1.5	20.8
660	300	Spear (JW)	510	...	4.5	1.1	9.5
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	340	...	...	3.4	21.3
145	44	Spring Ram	56	...	...	0.5	18.1
270	201	Staveley	291	...	...	5.1	11.9
200	126	Sterling Ind	200	+1	...	3.7	30.4
187	97	Suter	186	-1	9.0	6.0	19.5
611	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	604	-7	...	1.5	∞
7	...	Sycamore	2½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	53	...	...	7.3	10.1
173	123	Syltone	170	+2	...	3.5	24.3
414	273	TI	401	-2	...	3.4	27.4
54	13	TLS Range	34	+1	...	0.9	...
340	212	TT Group	339	...	...	2.4	20.9
266	221	Takare	263	...	...	0.9	22.9
869	618	Takeda Chem	664	+4	...	0.9	12.6
68	34	Tex Hldgs	61	...	...	...	...
109	73	Tinsley (E)	99	...	...	7.2	16.7
240	150	Tace	223	...	...	2.4	∞
271	212½	Tomkins	234	+2	...	3.4	17.2
112	67	Trafalgar H	93½	+1	...	4.4	...
116	81	Transfer Tech	68†	-2	3.2	5.9	8.6
190	120	Triplex Lloyd	140	...	...	6.4	18.5
111	98	Ugland	98	...	...	...	...
281	214	UniChem	279	...	6.4	2.9	18.3
375	225	Uniclave	365	...	...	3.5	∞
76	11½	Unigroup	37	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1203	...	22.2	2.3	16.4
8112½	6262½	Unilever (NV)	7850	-21½	...	2.7	12.9
24½	9	Utd Inds	12½	...	...	...	...
915	513	VSEL	883	...	...	4.3	9.5
16½	6½	Verson	16½	...	...	...	...
176	95	Vickers	176	+2	...	1.6	...
367	263	Victaulic	272	+2	...	3.6	13.4
467	263	Vinten	462	+3	...	1.9	21.7
604	422	Vosper Thorny	671	+7	...	3.1	15.5
48	33	WSP Hldgs	38	...	...	8.9	9.9
468	368	Wagon Ind	456	+1	...	4.9	19.8
8	1½	Waxebourne	1½	...	...	...	8.2
175	71	Walker Greenbk	105	+1	3.1	3.7	26.8
258	201	Wassall	256	...	2.7	1.3	25.8
42	22	Watford Wdgwd	44	...	...	...	...
384	252	Weir	322	-1	...	2.4	18.2
993	600	Wellcome	658	-3	...	3.3	14.0
23½	16	Wellman	22½	...	0.9	5.0	36.7
358	260	West Hlthcare	338	...	...	1.4	21.7
510	455	Whatman	455	...	9.7	2.7	15.4
353	211	Whessoe	238	+4	8.2	4.4	∞
95	27	Whitecroft	93½	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	121	-1	3.5	...	35.4
380	295½	Williams Hldg	374	+2	12.5	4.2	19.6
46½	17	Wilshaw	40½	...	...	1.7	25.5
878	533	Wolseley	845†	+1	...	2.0	25.2
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	56.5
46	35	Wyko	42	...	...	3.0	...
73	58	Young (H)	72†	...	3.3	5.7	∞

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1997½	1197½	Alex & Alex	1350	-25	...	4.9	...
2426½	1787½	Am Gen	1925	-25	...	3.8	...
72	30	Archer (A)	70	+1	1.0	1.8	...
183	133	Berry Bds Nbl	170	...	...	4.0	13.2
150	118	Bradstock	150	...	5.5	4.7	∞
498	359½	Britannic	439	...	...	3.3	...
667	556	Com Union	647	+1	...	4.7	...
1750	1225	Dom & Gen	1748	...	...	1.6	23.1
50	18	FAI	47	+1	...	...	...
741	546	Gen Accident	716	+4	26.7	4.7	...
236	160	GRE	231	+1	7.1	3.9	19.2
423	293	Heath C E	402	-1	...	5.0	...
228	148	Hogg Gp	148	...	8.1	6.9	13.4
215	162	JIB Group	178	...	...	5.3	18.2
546	408½	Legal & Gen	503	-2	...	4.8	30.6
1214	768	Liberty Life	1214	+14	...	8.7	23.7
121	99	LIMIT	119	...	...	...	...
468	403	Lloyds Abbey	426	+6	17.3	5.1	15.3
295	253	Lloyd Thomp	269	...	6.7	3.1	16.7
395	274	London & Man	375	...	14.7	4.9	27.6
443	327	Lowndes Lmb	437†	+1	14.0	4.0	15.7
6742½	5256½	Marsh McLn	5512½	-12½	...	3.3	...
130	76	Oriel	112	...	...	5.6	...
77	30½	PWS	76	...	4.0	6.6	11.0
376	282½	Prudential	361	+1	...	4.3	24.0
379½	266½	Refuge	322	...	...	4.2	8.9
347	248	Royal	340	...	...	2.4	...
204	150	Sedgwick	181½	-3½	...	4.1	22.4
261	100	Steel Burrill	121	...	...	12.4	7.1
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	68	...	3.0	5.7	∞
440	307	Sun Alliance	387	...	14.2	4.6	...
88	50	Trade Indemnty	85	...	...	...	...
356	239	Transatlantic	355	...	12.0	4.2	32.9
773	469	Utd Friendly	585	...	15.1	3.2	25.5
243	171	Willis Corroon	225½	+1½	...	3.7	48.5
35	13½	Windsor	23	-1	...	...	18.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1967	1548	Alliance	1955	-4	45.5	2.9	42.8
287	226½	Amer Trust	278	+1	5.2	2.3	61.5
448	304	Ang & O'seas	444	...	6.8	1.9	56.4
161	124	BZW Conv	161†	+½	7.8	6.1	18.9
205	133½	Bankers	203½	+½	3.6	2.3	∞
364	264	Baring Tribne	364	...	6.4	2.2	57.6
203	131	Berry Starq	198	...	2.2	1.4	64.4
117	96½	Br Assets	114½	+½	...	4.7	27.3
92½	57½	Br Empire Sec	92	-½	...	1.3	78.4
36	14	-do- Wnts	35	...	...	...	...
219	156	Br Inv	217½	+½	4.6	2.6	49.0
219	130	Contl Asset	219	...	2.4	1.4	72.8
195	143	Derby Inc	154	...	...	11.6	9.3
318	195	-do- Cap	315	-3	...	...	...
97	62	Drayton Blue	96†	...	8.4	10.9	10.7
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	84	...	1.0	1.5	...
147	84	-do- Far East	144	+½	0.6	0.5	...
155	95	-do- Korea	154½	...	0.5	0.4	...
772	576	Dunedin Inc G	770	...	...	4.2	35.4
100	76	-do- Japan	86	...	...	...	...
55	34	-do- Warrants	46	+1	...	...	...
770	513	-do- Wwde	770†	+1	...	1.5	79.5
305	222	Dundee & Lon	304†	...	...	3.7	34.9
348	250½	Edinburgh	344	-1	8.5	3.1	37.6
331	183	Electra Inv	331	+1	7.0	2.7	∞
207	141	Electric Gen	206	...	3.1	1.9	63.7
119	85	English Scot	119	...	...	...	...
340	205	European Asset	339	...	...	2.1	44.0
148	77	Finsbury 'A'	148	...	3.0	2.5	47.6
329½	248	Fleming Amer	315½	...	0.8	0.3	...
248	190½	-do- Claver	247	-½	...	2.7	48.7
362	212	-do- Contl	362	-1	2.7	0.9	...
225	147	-do- Emp	224	...	...	2.6	45.3
448	213	-do- F East	445	+1	1.1	0.3	...
372	246	-do- Fledg	372	+2	3.0	1.0	...
122	93	-do- Hi Inc	119	-2	...	4.6	20.4
360	136	-do- Japan	223	...	...	0.3	...
317	250	-do- Merc	314†	-2	6.7	2.7	67.2
332	212	-do- Overs	329	...	4.2	1.6	68.9
294½	203	Foreign & Col	294	+1	...	1.5	...
140	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	138½	+½	0.2	0.2	∞
71	44	-do- Enterprise	71	...	0.4	0.8	...
245	164	-do- Eurotst	244	...	...	0.6	...
143	87	-do- German	141	...	0.5	0.4	...
352	191	-do- Pacific	348	+1	...	0.8	...
175	116	-do- Smaller	175	+½	1.8	1.3	...
272	145	GT Japan	269	-1	...	0.6	...
180	65	Genl Cons Cap	179	...	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	112	-1	...	9.4	11.6
173	115	Govett Am Smlr	173	-1	...	...	...
144	94	-do- Emg Mkts	143	...	...	...	...
423	184	-do- Oriental	419	+1	0.9	0.3	...
298	207	-do- Strategy	293	...	...	2.9	40.9
428	340	Greenfriar	428	...	...	1.9	64.3
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
286	255	Independent	284	+2	...	3.6	26.1
155	124	Inv Cap	152	...	...	4.2	29.2
106	77	IRS UK Smllr	106	...	2.8	3.3	28.2
236	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	233	...	5.1	2.8	∞
264	176	-do- O'seas	259	-1	3.3	1.6	73.6
142	108	-do- Smlr	139	...	...	3.1	33.7
823	540	Law Debenture	821	...	18.5	2.8	41.1
225	164	Majedie	225	+3	...	2.8	42.0
312½	221	Merchants	311	...	...	4.4	28.9
3347½	1850	Merrill Lynch	2856½	-37½	...	...	...
583	383	Monks Inv Tst	576†	-1	...	1.5	73.0
150	105	Morg Gren Inc	149	+1	4.5	3.8	∞
57	23	Do Warrants	57	...	...	...	...
63	30	Murray Euro	63	...	0.1	0.3	...
23½	4½	Do Wts	23	...	...	...	...
389	282	Murray Income	383†	...	10.9	3.6	36.6
394	265	-do- Ind	392	...	11.6	3.7	35.3
499	263	-do- Small	499	+1	...	1.1	...
103	86½	-do- S/C Inc	89	...	...	14.9	∞
142	73	-do- S/C Cap	141	-1	...	...	...
3200	2750	-do- S/C Dis	3175	...	...	4.2	∞
160	142½	-do- S/C DP	159½	-½	...	...	...
357	230	-do- Vent	356	...	...	3.8	28.8
93	68	Nethrog Inc	92	...	6.7	9.3	17.0
386	249	O'seas Inv Tst	384	...	...	1.0	...
647	285	Pacific Assets	634	-½	1.1	0.2	...
565	187	Do Warrants	558	-2	...	...	...
8800	7690	Personal Assets	8750	...	19.0	2.7	51.7
189	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	185	+1	1.1	0.8	...
127	108	River & Merc	125	...	9.2	9.2	12.5
465	350	Robeco	425	...	...	1.0	...
435	346	Rolinco	430	...	...	1.8	...
291	214	St Andrew Inv	291	...	7.5	3.2	39.1
174	131	Scot American	171	+½	...	3.4	36.2
371	136	Scot Asian	366	...	...	...	...
1080	225	do Warrants	1068	+5	...	...	...
91½	63½	-do- Eastern	89½	+½	1.5	2.2	58.6
249	183	Scottish	247	+½	4.9	2.5	∞
255	178	-do- Mrge	253½	+1½	4.0	2.0	65.8
118½	71	-do- Value	118½	...	1.8	1.9	...
1738	1390	Second Alince	1734	-2	...	2.8	43.6
103	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	101	-1	3.2	4.0	33.4
170	109½	Selective Asset	169	...	1.2	0.9	60.8
44½	14	Sphere Inv	43½	...	3.1	8.9	14.0
201	112	TR Far East	200	-1	...	3.1	38.1
167	126	TR City Of Lon	165½	...	...	3.6	36.0
246	110	TR Pacific	244	...	0.3	0.2	...
41	17	TR Property	41	...	0.9	2.7	43.0
136	47	TR Tech Inv	135	...	1.7	1.6	50.1
219	146	TR Smlr Cos	206	...	...	2.3	47.6
399½	283	Temple Bar	394	-2	13.2	4.2	29.7
135	69	Thrgmn Asian E	133	+½	0.5	0.5	...
82	54	Throgmorton	81½	-½	2.3	3.5	33.3
550	365	Thrgn Dual Cp	535	...	...	...	...
256	178	USDC Invest	256	...	4.5	2.2	42.1
120	76½	Value Inc Tst	120	...	4.0	4.2	30.2
930	542	Whitbread Inv	925	...	16.5	2.2	55.7
249½	181	Witan	245	-½	5.6	2.9	42.9

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
493	269	Airtours	492	...	...	2.3	15.4
64	41	Ald Leis	42	...	...	8.9	13.7
465	194	Anglia TV	428	...	...	2.7	19.8
103	63	Baldwin	85	...	4.6	6.8	11.5
289	192	Barr & W 'A'	269	...	10.0	4.6	17.4
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1155	...	22.0	2.4	17.3
158	90	Border TV	133	-5	...	3.4	11.8
16½	4	Brent Walker	8½	-½	...	...	...
150	48	Bristol Scotts	113	-2	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	7½	+1	...	...	...
292	67	Campari	69	...	8.7	15.9	...
331	171	Capital Radio	330	...	5.7	2.2	∞
967	718	Carlton Comm	948	-3	...	2.5	22.3
248	158	Castle Comms	248	...	...	4.3	16.4
2953	1615	Central TV	2953	+23	39.0	1.7	32.2
124	61	Chrysalis	115	...	3.2	3.6	...
680	470	Compass Gp	678	-1	...	2.4	18.6
350	175	Eurocamp	242	...	9.7	5.0	10.0
1180	268	Euro Disney	346	-32	...	3.4	...
8	1½	Euro Leisure	2½	...	...	...	...
38½	18	Ex-Lands	36	...	...	1.2	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	320	-10	...	4.2	29.5
378	232	First Leisure	282	-2	6.2	2.8	19.5
385	71	Flextech	379#	...	...	0.2	...
680	298	GWR Gp	675	...	...	1.7	∞
246	149	Grampian	229	...	6.5	3.5	15.9
22	4½	Greenwich Comm	15	...	...	...	...
110	19	HTV Group	109½	+½	...	...	48.6
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	62	...	...	4.5	...
12½	5½	Kunick	11½	+½	...	...	∞
626	405	LWT Hldgs	606	+1	...	1.0	28.0
600	327	Man Utd	544	...	...	4.5	22.0
48	7½	Northern	34	-2	...	...	...
148	59	Owners Abrd	81	...	3.9	6.0	6.5
77	33	The Pelican Gp	70	...	...	2.0	16.4
180	55	Prism Leisure	180	...	...	2.3	16.7
42	16	Quadrant Grp	39	...	...	...	...
405	224	Radio Clyde	405	...	...	3.0	17.8
210	132	Ramsdens (H)	209	...	...	2.7	22.7
553	410	Scot TV	451	-2	10.3	2.9	22.2
69	37	Southern Radio	69	...	1.2	2.3	∞
310	168	Stanley Leisure	310	...	4.3	1.7	24.5
10	5½	Sunleigh	8	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sussex & Vine	128	...	3.5	3.4	19.5
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	97	...	...	2.6	5.1
86	44	Trans World	85	...	...	1.2	31.0
522	274	Ulster TV	520	...	12.0	2.9	15.9
113	62	Vardon	112	...	0.8	0.9	26.4
22	11	Wembley	17	...	...	...	...
234	110	Yorkshire TV	156	+5	12.0	9.6	4.7
120	83	Zetters Gp	113	...	8.0	8.8	12.8

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
6075	1800	Am Gold	6075	...	...	3.6	30.9
1787½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1787½	+50	...	5.1	9.5
3450	1125	Ang Am	3375	-34½	...	2.0	29.8
33	8½	Anglo Pac Res	29	...	...	...	...
197	33	Blyvoors	178	-7	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	37	...	...	...	...
871	233	Buffels	818	-2	...	7.7	7.4
2½	1	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
842	546	CRA	842	+7	...	2.4	29.0
43½	11	Cliff Res	36½	...	...	...	...
1618½	762½	De Beers	1612½	-3½	...	3.0	22.3
166	37½	Deelkraal	132	...	...	2.2	15.2
96	7	Doornfontein	64	+3	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	874	-19	...	3.7	17.3
788	120	Durban	753	...	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	160	-1	...	6.7	5.0
175	35	E Rand Prop	110	+4	...	...	...
65	16	Eastern Trans	55	...	...	4.5	11.8
604	117	Elandsrand	406	...	...	2.9	10.0
1150	292	FS Cons	1140	-10	...	4.2	14.9
80	8	FS Dev	54	-3	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1675	+58	...	2.4	29.1
137	62½	Gencor	135	-2	...	6.5	15.3
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	59½	+1	...	2.2	24.3
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	14	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	175	+2	...	5.7	11.0
360	78	Harmony	355	+3	...	...	...
425	87	Hartles	379	...	...	7.2	15.0
16½	8½	Inoco	15½	+½	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	945	-3	...	2.9	32.6
13½	6	Kenmare Res	9½	-1	...	...	...
1250	332	Kinross	1250	-10	...	4.5	∞
913	319	Kloof	824	+4	...	2.9	11.6
137	25	Leslie	132	+1	...	7.9	∞
359	13	Loraine	302	...	...	...	...
950	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	∞
124	80	MIM	120½	-3½	...	1.8	58.8
1468	820	Minorco	1437	-10	...	2.7	17.0
164½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	164½	+2½	...	2.9	27.1
2975	612½	Orange Free	2850	-21½	...	5.6	23.9
816	607	RTZ	812	-1	...	3.0	22.9
212½	106½	Randfontein	212½	...	...	5.1	∞
702	150	Randfontein	700	-2	...	5.8	10.5
242	115	Renison	242	+7	...	1.8	25.0
1287½	850	Rustnbrg	1287½	+12½	...	2.5	∞
725	191	St Helena	681	...	...	3.5	14.6
2175	475	Southvaal	2175	...	...	2.6	39.8
119	18	Stilfontein	90	...	...	0.8	16.5
210	51	Unisel	151	-3	...	4.4	∞
6812½	1800	Vaal Reefs	6787½	-25	...	3.2	12.3
766	154	Welkom	766	...	...	5.5	24.1
640	26	Western Areas	599	...	...	4.3	19.3
3275	587½	Western Deep	3237½	-34½	...	1.9	15.8
324	176	Wstrn Mining	321	-1	...	1.5	...
1115	323	Winkels	1115	+16	...	3.4	∞
84	49	Zambia Copper	50	-7	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	68	...	...	6.4	22.7

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
135	95	Airflow Stream	115	...	...	4.6	...
153	78	Appleyard	140	...	...	...	...
335	203	Bletchley Mtr	335	+5	...	3.4	17.0
192	120	Bostrom	180	...	6.0	4.2	31.8
468	165	Br Aerospace	413	+4	7.3	2.2	...
58	19½	Burndene	51	...	1.7	4.4	∞
425	303	Caffyns	415†	...	11.5	3.5	22.0
15	4½	Caverdale	14½	-½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	123	...	...	4.1	31.3
36	18	Cook (DC)	35†	...	...	3.2	19.9
284	156	Cowie (T)	282	...	6.6	2.9	21.5
141	86	Dag Motors	135	...	5.7	5.3	24.4
155	102½	Davnprt Vern	145	...	...	3.5	18.3
330	155	ERF	278	...	2.0	0.9	...
147	92	European Mtr	147	+4	...	3.2	20.7
410	208	Evans Halshaw	410	+2	11.4	3.5	63.2
290	211	FR Group	235	...	...	3.8	10.9
4393½	2843½	Ford Motor	4381½	+18½	...	...	...
3781¼	2143½	General Mtr	3775	-6½	...	1.4	...
75	38	Gowrings	60	...	2.0	4.2	...
276	85	Henlys	275	...	3.5	1.6	...
1056	760	Honda Motor	919	-2	...	1.0	...
36	15	Jacks (Wm)	35	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	86	...	4.5	6.5	...
176	97	Kwik-Fit	162	-1	...	2.7	22.9
451	281	Lex Service	449	+1	...	3.1	24.5
165	85	Lookers	165	...	6.2	4.7	...
198	126	Lucas	192	-1	...	4.6	...
27½	21	Malaya Grp	25	...	...	...	...
285	224½	Pendragon	285	+11	...	2.8	23.4
190	101½	Perry Gp	175	...	...	5.1	...
190	108	Quicks Group	156	...	...	3.8	19.9
177	96½	Rolls-Royce	162½	...	...	3.8	...
223	164	T & N	204	+1	...	6.6	29.0
263	163	Trinity Hldgs	263†	...	...	2.6	24.6
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	170	...	...	3.1	23.8
258	121	Westland	258	+3	4.5	2.2	∞

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
198	103	Adscene	198	...	5.0	3.2	20.3
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
608	280	Blenheim Gp	315	...	...	3.7	11.7
370	275	Bristol	367†	...	...	4.1	33.1
£116½	7775	Daily Mail	£112½	...	...	1.7	26.1
£116	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£112	...	...	1.7	25.9
355	210	Dorling Kind	263	...	...	1.6	23.8
6950	4337½	Elsevier	6350	+62½	...	1.5	21.5
426	322	EMAP	426	+3	...	2.4	26.3
1525	873	Euromoney Pb	1450†	...	...	3.3	25.5
264	160	Harrington K	160	...	4.7	3.5	13.8
343	155½	Haynes Pub	343	+8	...	1.9	19.4
363	334	Hodder H'line	340	...	5.1	1.9	28.9
140	99	Home Counts	120	...	5.2	5.5	...
163	30	Intl Bus Comm	163	...	...	...	23.6
14	6½	Int Cm & Data	12	...	...	...	...
435	340	Independent	410	...	...	3.1	24.1
580	395	Johnston Press	551	...	6.5	1.5	25.8
359	343	Metal Bulletn	339	+1	8.2	3.0	23.9
186	88	Mirror Gp	167½	+½	...	...	...
515	297	News Corp	453	+10	...	0.3	...
301	169	News Intl	274	...	...	0.6	16.9
618	342	Pearson	608	+4	...	2.5	33.0
675	510	Portsmth Sund	670	...	...	1.8	18.5
912	618	Reed Int	896	+2	...	2.4	39.0
188	98	Southnews	188	...	...	1.6	34.8
171	90	Sterling Pub	165	+2	...	2.4	20.0
495	328	Telegraph	495	+2	...	3.0	20.8
835	715	Thomson Corp	785	...	30.1	4.8	39.2
437	313	Trinity Intl	436	...	9.0	2.6	26.1
39	21	Unit Group	25	...	...	...	...
659	480½	Utd Newspaps	649	+1	...	4.1	18.0

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	26	...	...	...	25.3
61	33	Arcon Intl	36	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	59	...	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	61	+6	...	...	...
16	3½	Beverley	7	-½	...	...	69.6
221	145	Br Borneo	201	...	7.1	4.4	6.1
361½	276	British Gas	341½	-2½	14.2	5.2	16.5
386	225	Br Petroleum	360½	-4	8.4	2.9	28.3
2½	1	Bula Resources	2½	...	...	...	...
844	675	Burmah Castrl	835	-6	...	3.8	19.5
68	32	Cairn Energy	56	...	...	...	8.0
320	223	Calor Gp	318	...	...	4.7	17.4
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	47	...	...	...	...
44	27	Copex Res	30	...	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gs	17	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	448	-4	...	4.5	24.7
88	26	Exp Co Louis	37	+9	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	21	-½	...	5.1	7.6
10½	4	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	54	...	1.4	3.2	10.3
48	18	Gt Western Res	31	...	...	0.8	14.3
181	104½	Hardy O & G	154	...	...	...	...
46	18½	Kelt Energy	40	...	...	...	...
195	97	LASMO	116	...	...	3.6	21.5
103	63	-do- Units	68	...	9.4	17.4	...
24	2	Mid Scot Res	2½	-½	...	...	...
56½	34	Monument	55½	...	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	4½	+½	...	...	...
37	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
45	27	Oil Search	45	+2	...	...	...
19½	11½	Petroz	17½	...	...	...	...
162	99	Pict Pet	154	...	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	22	...	...	...	8.1
168	50	Presidio	158	...	...	4.2	...
410	290	Ranger	325	...	...	5.0	...
7312½	5150	Royal Dtch Pl	7125	-25	...	4.3	17.7
4500	3600	Schlumberger	3887½	...	...	2.1	...
67	47	Seafield	58	...	...	...	...
730	515	Shell	727	-1	21.8	3.9	22.4
203	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	21	...	...	...	...
15½	6	Villers Grp	14½	...	...	...	...
208	135	Woodside	191	+2	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
166	120	AG Holdings	166†	+2	...	4.0	15.0
425	349	API	425†	...	8.2	2.4	∞
259	144	Arjo Wiggins	238	+1	...	3.4	38.4
543	408	Abbott Mead	540	...	9.5	2.2	23.4
40	13	Aegis Gp	17½	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms	145	...	...	4.2	13.2
20	7	BBB Design	18	...	...	...	...
419	223	Bemrose	419†	...	...	3.5	19.3
30½	7	Birkdale	8½	...	...	...	...
155	118	Bunzl	146	...	4.0	3.4	22.0
352	257	CIA Gp	352	...	...	1.6	22.2
230	99	Capital Inds	130	...	...	3.5	12.4
92	44	City of Lon	84†	...	...	5.7	15.5
304	169	Cropper (James)	304	...	3.2	1.3	23.4
95	51	Delyn Group	90	+1	1.6	2.3	12.1
120	84	Dolphin Pack	104	...	4.5	5.4	25.7
87	42	Dudley Jenkins	77	...	...	5.0	17.5
16½	10½	Elswick	15½	+½	...	2.4	17.3
75	41	Fairway Group	75	...	3.2	5.4	22.1
363	271	Ferguson Intl	363	...	...	4.3	16.4
137	42	Ferry Pick	137	...	...	5.1	37.0
197	74	Filofax	197	...	...	1.0	25.3
20	10½	Fisch	11	...	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons	141†	...	...	4.6	15.9
295	205	Gold Greenlees	206	...	8.4	5.2	18.3
41	17	Goodhead	23	...	0.0	0.3	∞
88	19	Hunterprint	25	...	...	...	...
185	136	Imereurope	161	...	...	6.1	11.8
278	191	Jarvis Porter	273	...	...	2.2	25.5
32	15½	Lopex	22	...	...	...	...
38½	26	MMI	34½	...	...	...	...
359	175	More O'Ferrall	359	...	13.2	4.6	43.0
133	48	NMC Group	128	...	2.7	2.7	19.8
233	66	Osborne & Little	230†	...	...	2.8	25.3
525	455	Portals	518	...	...	3.6	17.9
3½	½	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
287	159	Quarto	287	...	...	2.5	17.7
347	220	St Ives Gp	326	...	...	2.1	21.5
186	133	Saatchi	134	...	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	473	-9	...	6.8	9.2
24	8½	Secil	18½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	22	...	...	...	...
400	294	Smith David	398	-1	...	3.1	20.9
295	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	291	-1	...	1.8	7.0
103	45	Somic	103†	...	2.5	3.0	42.2
246	183	Sun-Plus	214	...	8.4	4.9	19.1
28½	16½	Taylor Nelson	26½	...	0.3	1.6	22.0
125	38	VTR	125	...	...	1.8	18.6
106	40	WPP	89	...	...	1.4	3.3
185	62	Ware	185	...	...	0.7	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	245	...	...	4.1	18.4
418	270	Watmough	410	...	...	1.8	22.1
7	3	Westport	3	...	...	...	...
39	12	Whitney Mck	38	+2	...	...	...
101	55	Wyndeham	101	-2	...	1.9	21.5

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
116	41	Allied Lon	109	...	...	4.0	26.2
47	35	Arcadian	38	+1	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	6	...	...	...	...
135	52	Asda	134	...	...	2.0	14.1
152	88	Avonside	149	+1	4.1	3.4	20.6
2637½	2062½	BCE	2337½	...	...	...	...
670	396	Bilton	661	...	18.9	3.6	23.9
83	17	Bourne End	73†	...	...	1.7	...
254	150	Bradford	252	+5½	5.9	2.9	25.5
23	5	Bredero	16½	+1	...	...	...
449	166½	Br Land	434	-2	...	2.1	39.3
250	140½	Brixton	233	-1	...	4.5	18.5
99	42	Burford	99	+1	...	1.6	...
190	99	Cap & Regnl	190	...	...	0.9	...
230	120	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
595	196	Chesterfield	595	...	11.5	2.4	42.6
43	12	City Site Ests	36	...	...	...	...
35	12	Clarke Nickolls	29	...	...	...	...
548	285	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
53	34	Conrad Rbinr GS	44	...	...	...	...
1465	818	Daejan	1458	...	...	2.3	18.0
65	9	Dares Estates	9	...	...	...	...
132	53	Debenhm Twsn	132	+2	...	2.8	25.7
12	4	De Morgan	11	+1	...	...	...
180	76	Denora	178	...	3.0	2.1	...
878	263	Derwent Hldgs	878	...	8.7	1.6	...
45	10	Development Sec	34½	...	...	...	...
56	24	Dwyer	56	...	...	...	...
400	170	Estates Agency	400	...	...	2.4	47.5
27	7½	Estates Gen	18	...	...	...	...
216	132	Evans Of Leeds	215†	...	...	2.7	19.0
35½	11	Five Oaks	33½	...	...	...	...
67	30	Fletcher King	66	...	1.0	1.9	43.4
515	276½	Frogmore	501	+4	...	4.0	24.1
237	97	Grainger	236	+5	5.2	2.8	∞
233	116½	Gr Portland	236	+1	...	4.4	21.6
19	3½	Greycoat	19	...	...	...	...
241	101	HK Land	241	...	...	2.8	31.7
84	35	Hambro Cntyw	84	...	0.5	0.7	...
422	233	Hammerson	413	-2	10.0	3.0	41.8
300	127	Helical Bar	299	+1	...	2.0	10.7
39	12	Hemingway	36	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	99	...	3.7	7.9	14.8
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
802	435	Land Sec	791	-2	23.1	3.7	23.6
114	73	Lon Merch Sec	108	...	4.0	4.7	16.7
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	11	...	...	...	...
565	319½	MEPC	542†	-2	...	4.6	38.2
9	5	McInerney A	6½	...	...	...	...
165	90	McKay Secs	164	...	3.5	2.7	22.5
7½	2½	Markheath	2½	...	...	...	...
81	12	Merivale Mre	81	...	...	...	...
53	29	Moorfield Est	53	+1	...	...	...
1310	775	Mountview	1310	...	22.0	2.1	13.6
178	112	Mucklow (A&J)	178	...	...	4.3	27.7
53	30	Olives Prop	50	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	Ossory Est	2	+½	...	...	0.6
172	88	PSIT	169	...	4.1	3.1	33.5
361	138	Peel	358	...	4.0	1.4	...
16	4½	Power Corp	6½	...	...	...	...
48	22	Property Trust	42	...	...	...	12.0
63	33	Raglan	40	...	...	...	...
35	11	Regalian	35	+½	...	...	...
140	110	Rowlinson Secs	140†	...	1.5	1.3	17.5
50	16	St Modwen Prp	48	...	0.9	2.3	36.6
94	39	Savills	94	+1	...	1.3	37.2
112	37½	Scot Met	103	...	...	1.8	∞
120	39	Shaftesbury	120	+2	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11½	...	...	...	6.0
290	139½	Slough Estates	275	...	...	3.7	19.2
101	56	Southend Prop	97	...	...	3.1	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps	25½	...	...	...	...
229	114	Tops Ests	229	...	2.1	1.2	...
157	79	Town Centre	132	-1	...	3.2	23.6
98	43	Trafford Park	96	...	...	3.6	22.1
56	17	UK Land	31	...	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	9½	...	...	...	...
309	180	Warner	301	+8	10.4	4.3	27.5
220	168	Warnford	218	-1	7.5	4.4	15.8
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
95	34	Wates	90½	...	...	...	...
85	40	Wood John D	84	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
32	11	Automagic	32	...	...	...	...
204	84	Headlam	204	+1	...	1.8	16.0
500	285	Lambert	315	...	13.2	5.3	7.7
100	44	Pittards	62	...	1.5	3.0	17.7
30	20	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	5.7	6.1
245	86	Stylo	245	+6	...	1.5	...
66	53	UK Safety	57	...	...	5.7	1.9

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	408	Allied Text	523	...	12.7	3.0	16.8
69	54	Beckman (A)	56	...	3.5	8.0	∞
41	21	Bolton Gp	38	...	...	...	...
196	141	Br Mohair	196	+3	8.5	5.4	18.4
53	15	Chartwell	40	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Ga	340	...	7.5	2.8	21.2
601	449	Courtauld Text	460	+1	13.9	3.8	12.6
53½	24	Cupid	25	...	...	...	...
248½	130	Dawson	137†	...	...	6.9	10.4
47	22	Drummond	35	...	...	...	...
89	65	Faupel	79	...	...	7.9	11.9
34	15	Foster (John)	25	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	114	...	4.2	4.7	...
240	156	Hicking Pncst	239†	...	...	2.2	16.9
90	45	Jerome (S)	67	-2	...	0.4	...
422	249	Lamont	399	...	12.0	3.8	26.4
515	353½	Leeds	506†	...	8.5	2.1	∞
64	15	Lister	53	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	89	...	...	4.6	...
215	89	Magellan	210	...	1.4	0.8	...
214	77½	Parkland	195	+2	...	1.1	...
102½	82	Readicut	100	...	...	4.3	18.8
66	35	SEET	54	...	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	130	...	...	5.1	9.0
72	44	Stirling Gp	62†	...	1.9	3.8	17.2
51	35	Stoddard	38	+1	...	4.9	35.3
312	250	Tomkinsons	275	...	11.5	5.2	∞
59	30½	West Trust	38†	...	...	8.9	...
250	126	Yorklyde	249	...	...	2.7	16.3

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	407	BAT	553½	-3	...	4.3	16.6
495	315½	Rothmans	479	-11½	...	3.3	15.0

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
548	349	Assoc Br Ports	547	+2	...	2.0	...
1067	707	BAA	1058	+½	...	1.9	26.3
461	249	Br Airways	449½	-2½	...	3.0	20.1
113	56	Clarkson (H)	105	-1	1.7	2.1	...
610	332	Eurotunnel Uts	610	+13	...	...	...
82	41	Fisher (James)	73	...	0.5	0.9	19.6
258	147	IoM Steam	258	+3	...	4.1	13.5
41	24	Jacobs (JI)	41	...	0.5	1.5	...
107	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	99	...	...	1.3	18.1
475	264	Mersey Docks	444	...	...	2.5	30.2
271	181	Natl Express	247	...	...	3.6	25.5
272	218	NFC	234	-½	...	3.7	18.1
343	244	Ocean Group	332	+3	...	5.4	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	72	...	4.0	6.9	13.0
676	504	P & O Dfd	640	+2	...	5.9	35.1
196	127	P & O 5 1/2%	162	-1	...	4.2	...
637	448	Powell Duffryn	631	...	...	4.5	20.0
226	117	Seacon	235	...	...	2.4	14.8
170	112	Stagecoach	169†	...	...	2.8	20.6
85½	31½	TNT	85½	+4	...	...	...
845	624	Tibbet & Britten	845	+5	12.6	1.9	32.4
382	37	Tiphook	59	+2	...	...	...
298	227	TDG	282	...	...	4.2	9.3

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Anglian Water	592	-1	...	4.6	11.8
348	244	Mid Kent Hldgs	348†	...	...	3.9	12.8
761	547	Northumbrian	726	...	...	4.0	8.5
604	431½	North West	586†	-2	...	4.7	9.7
632	439	Severn Trent	611†	+1	...	4.4	9.4
685	454	Sthrn Water	679	+1	...	4.1	10.8
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1525	...	48.5	4.0	10.9
657	465	South West	637	+1	...	4.8	10.5
598	454	Thames Water	577	...	...	4.7	11.3
735	506	Welsh Water	700†	-2	...	4.3	7.1
745	536	Wessex Water	737	+1	...	3.8	11.6
630	473½	Yorkshire W	607†	-1	...	4.5	10.1

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 8½% 1994	100[illegible]†	...	8.48	5.48
109¼	101½	Treas 14½% 1994	101½	-[illegible]	14.29	5.19
109[illegible]	103[illegible]	Exch 13½% 1994	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.15	5.02
105[illegible]	102[illegible]	Treas 10% 1994	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.79	4.99
110[illegible]	104[illegible]	Exch 12½% 1994	104[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.94	4.98
105[illegible]	103[illegible]	Treas 9% 1994	103[illegible]	...	8.70	5.00
111[illegible]	107[illegible]	Treas 12% 1995	107[illegible]†	...	11.19	4.92
98	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	...	3.06	4.63
109[illegible]	107[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	107[illegible]xd	...	9.51	5.02
116[illegible]	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	113½	...	11.22	5.03
120[illegible]	116[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	117[illegible]†	...	11.95	5.10
125[illegible]	121½	Treas 15¼% 1996	121[illegible]	...	12.51	5.16
120[illegible]	115[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	117[illegible]	...	11.25	5.18
112[illegible]	108[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	112[illegible]	...	8.91	5.34
122[illegible]	118[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	121[illegible]	...	10.89	5.45
114[illegible]	110[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	114[illegible]	...	9.19	5.48
110[illegible]	105½	Treas 8¾% 1997	110[illegible]	...	7.92	5.55
132[illegible]	127[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	131[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.40	5.67
114[illegible]	109[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	114[illegible]xd	...	8.50	5.64
108[illegible]	99[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	106[illegible]	...	6.85	5.58
106[illegible]	101[illegible]	Treas 7¼% B 1998	106[illegible]	...	6.83	5.59
102[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	102	...	6.62	5.18
131½	125[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	131[illegible]	...	10.67	5.84
140[illegible]	135[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	140[illegible]	...	11.06	5.70
126[illegible]	118[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	125[illegible]	...	9.53	5.81
116[illegible]	108[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	116[illegible]†	...	8.18	5.75

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101[illegible]	98¼	Treas 6% 1999	101[illegible]	...	6.05	5.69
128¼	120[illegible]	Exch 12¼% 1999	128[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.55	5.91
121½	112[illegible]	Treas 10½% 1999	121[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.66	5.83
121½	112[illegible]	Conv 10¼% 1999	121[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.44	5.89
116¼	106	Conv 9% 2000	116[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.75	5.84
136[illegible]	125½	Treas 13% 2000	136[illegible]xd	-[illegible]	9.50	6.09
106[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	106[illegible]	...	6.89	5.97
122[illegible]	109[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	122[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.19	6.13
123[illegible]	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	123[illegible]	-[illegible]	7.91	6.25
113[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8% 2003	113[illegible]	...	7.05	6.09
127[illegible]	109¼	Treas 10% 2003	127[illegible]	...	7.87	6.22
129[illegible]	116¼	Treas 11½% 2001-04	129[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.88	6.33
86[illegible]	67[illegible]	Fund 3½% 1999-04	86[illegible]†	+[illegible]	4.07	5.23
105[illegible]	97¼	Treas 6¾% 2004	105[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.43	6.09
125[illegible]	105¼	Conv 9½% 2004	125[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.59	6.25
125[illegible]	105¼	Conv 9½% 2005	125½	+[illegible]	7.57	6.30
143[illegible]	124[illegible]	Treas 12½% 2003-05	143[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.71	6.47
111¼	94[illegible]	Treas 8% 2002-06	111½	-[illegible]	7.17	6.25
112[illegible]	94[illegible]	Treas 7¾% 2006	112[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.89	6.35
136[illegible]	118[illegible]	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	136[illegible]†	-[illegible]	8.64	6.43
119[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8½% 2007	119[illegible]†	+[illegible]	7.13	6.35
151[illegible]	131[illegible]	Treas 13½% 2004-08	151[illegible]	...	8.91	6.51
124[illegible]	101¼	Treas 9% 2008	124[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.22	6.38

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8% 2009	115[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.92	6.40
126[illegible]	100½	Conv 9% 2011	126½†	+[illegible]	7.11	6.43
127[illegible]	100[illegible]	Treas 9% 2012	127[illegible]†	+[illegible]	7.06	6.43
94	70¼	Treas 5½% 2008-12	93½	...	5.86	6.06
114¼	89¼	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	114¼†	...	6.75	6.35
117¼	93[illegible]	Treas 8% 2013	117½	+[illegible]	6.81	6.42
159[illegible]	125[illegible]	Exch 12% 2013-17	159[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.54	6.61
128[illegible]	97[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 2017	128[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.83	6.41

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54½	38¼	War Ln 3½%	54¼†	+[illegible]	6.45	...
37¼	27[illegible]	Treas 2½%	37¼	+[illegible]	6.69	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
136[illegible]	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	136[illegible]	...	...	...
204¼	194[illegible]	Treas IL 2% 1996	203¼	-½	0.96	1.93
113[illegible]	105[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	1.20	1.86
176¼	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	176[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.09	2.47
173[illegible]	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	173[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.32	2.63
118¼	105[illegible]	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	118[illegible]	...	2.31	2.60
184[illegible]	159¼	Treas IL 2% 2006	184[illegible]xd	+[illegible]	2.43	2.66
168[illegible]	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	168[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.60	2.80
175[illegible]	148[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2011	175½	+½	2.67	2.85
146½	122[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2013	146½	+[illegible]	2.70	2.86
157[illegible]	130[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2016	157[illegible]†	+[illegible]	2.76	2.91
152[illegible]	124[illegible]	Treas IL 2½% 2020	152[illegible]†	+[illegible]	2.81	2.95
129¼	102¼	Treas IL 2½% 2024	129[illegible]†	+½	2.80	2.92
128[illegible]	100¼	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	128[illegible]xd	+[illegible]	2.82	2.95

Simon Barnes on moments that surpass mere excellence

Images from a perfect sporting world

What is sporting perfection? We all know it when we see it. It is not a question of aesthetics: sport is only incidentally beautiful. Perfection in sport is a matter of wholly achieved *purposefulness — discuss*, as tutors say when setting an essay title. But the matter is better witnessed than discussed. Most of us have done sport to the best of our ability. I wonder what it must be like to do it at the best *possible* level of ability.

So I will explain what I mean — by example, not discussion. You will have your own list of perfections, perhaps in total disagreement to my own. But neither list will invalidate the other: sport is, or should be, a matter for all sorts and conditions of *person*.

The Ambrose Assault

Otherwise Curtly Ambrose's run up and delivery. Yes, Holding's was prettier, but in sheer murderous purpose, Curtly is perfection and grace.

The Baggio Flicker

Roberto Baggio appears to have mastered the theory of spontaneous combustion. It is as if he possesses the ability to burst into flames in a fraction of a second. Speed of thought is the thing: the impossible he will do at once, miracles are quicker.

The Boguinskaya Landing

Svetlana Boguinskaya was the last woman in women's gymnastics. A giant of the *sport at 5ft 4in, she offered not* eye-baffling tumbles but languid grace. A glorious manoeuvre would end in a perfect, statuesque touchdown.

The Botham Loft

The long, steepling straight drive, Ian Botham's railway sleeper bat coming through as clean and as straight as a demolition pendulum. It was the shot he once played first ball to Craig McDermott in a Test match.

The Brave Finish

Dancing Brave was not the best racehorse in history — he *just looked that way at the* finish. He had the ability to change gear from flat out to the speed of light in a single stride.

The Campese Dissolve

David Campese possesses the ability to become disincarnate at will. He will run at an opponent, disappear and then an instant later reassemble his constituent atoms on the far side of his foe. At least, that is the only explanation that makes sense.

The Christie Pick-up

That moment in the race when everybody else slows fractionally and Linford Christie leaves them behind. Strength and strength of will.

The Dessie Leap

It is customary for a rider to throw his heart over a fence and hope to catch it the other side. Desert Orchid was one of the few horses ever to do that.

SIMON BRUTY/ALLSPORT



Graf displays the venomous forehand which batters opponents into submission. It is an example of tennis played at the highest level of ability

The Edberg Advance

Most tennis players make serve and volley look like a piece of mindless muscle. With Edberg, the charging, hammered volley is also a matter of finesse.

The Gower Flick-pull

The one when David Gower moved his bat through an arc of about 45 degrees and 0.5 seconds later the ball shattered the advertising boards. No cricketer in history had an eye like Gower's.

The Graf Forehand

Every mighty forehand Steffi *Graf plays is like the wrath of* the Woman Wronged. Power and venom: you feel sorry for the tennis balls, never mind the opponents.

The Grobbelaar Grab

Bruce Grobbelaar's plunge to *the top right-hand corner: the* safe tip-over shunned, the clean catch made. But Grobbelaar does not stop there, bouncing to his feet and hurling the ball to a defender already haring towards the halfway line.

The Johnson Start

Ben Johnson, the human, or superhuman, or inhuman bullet. Rocket-fuel Man, impossible, illegal, unforgettable.

The Jordan Jump

Michael Jordan was the master illusionist of all sport, not *just basketball. He is the only* sportsman I have seen who seemed to change direction in mid-air. Can you really, fly, he was asked. "Maybe a little."

The Maradona Lay-off

Never mind the hand, Diego *Maradona has the chest and* the left foot of God. The classic manoeuvre is the one when he kills a soaring ball stone dead *with his chest. It falls as if* shot and he flicks it 20 yards with his left foot: in an instant, a defence dismayed.

The Murphy Charge

Murphy Himself, *the event* horse unforgettably described *by his rider, Ian Stark, as a* nutty professor with the body of Arnold Schwarzenegger. It takes a brave horse to jump the big fences of Badminton. It takes a horse like Murphy to charge them *and win*.

The Ngugi Lope

Like every great Kenyan distance runner. John Ngugi possesses a boneless lope, as if knee and ankle joints were made of supple, but twangy, rubber.

The Offiah afterburner

Nobody in any ball game has used the tactic of pure speed so *masterfully. Thought, vision* and strength are allied, but raw velocity has made Martin Offiah, of Wigan, the most relentless try machine in rugby.

The Qadir Contortion

Abdul Qadir had the most theatrical conjuror's run-up in history. Recall the way he would always first show the *ball to the batsman in the* wrong hand. Nothing up my sleeve but my genius.

The Rice Catch

Jerry Rice, of the San Francisco 49ers, is the finest wide receiver in history. With soft, *gentle and delicate hands*, he will catch a ball four feet above his head while two or three psychopaths are trying to tear him apart. Landing softly, he will leave the psychopaths clutching air.

The Senna Slaughter

Ayrton Senna carving his way through the back-markers takes race driving into a *new* dimension of chilled skill and ruthlessness. It sometimes seems that Senna exempts himself from both halves of the concept of lesser mortals.

The Serevi Jink

Waisale Serevi is the Fiji stand-off. At rugby sevens, he is incomparable. One of those players who leaves the entire opposition suffering from twisted blood.

The Warne Rottweiler

Many leg spinners have bowled balls that baffle and deceive. Shane Warne has *invented the leg break that turns on you in an attempt to* savage you.

The Witt Glide

Only Katarina Witt of women figure skaters has the courage, the artistry, and the grace to pause in mid-routine, without hurry, without the need to scramble for scoring moves. The Witt Glide causes all clocks in the arena to cease ticking.

You may argue with this list. In fact, I hope you will. All the aforementioned represent a kind of perfection, but the one thing a list of sporting perfection can never be is perfect, or even complete.



Campese appears to be able to "dissolve"

Medvedev may add to missing cast in Australia

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ANDREI Medvedev may miss the Australian Open, the first grand slam tennis tournament of 1994, after aggravating a knee injury at the Hopman Cup in Perth yesterday. Medvedev, representing the Ukraine with his sister, Natalia Medvedeva, hobbled around the court with increasing difficulty as his country was knocked out of the mixed team tournament in the first round by Austria.

Medvedev, the world No 6, was beaten 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 by Alex Antonitsch and had to seek medical advice about the extent of the problem. "From the second set onwards, the pain was getting worse and worse," Medvedev, who is due to play in the New South Wales Open from January 10-16, said.

The Australian Open has already lost several leading players, including Andre Agassi and Boris Becker, and Michael Chang, John McEnroe, Martina Navratilova and Jennifer Capriati have decided not to compete.

Natalia Medvedeva was beaten 7-6, 6-3 by Judith Wiesner in the opening singles and, with Medvedev unable to contest the dead mixed doubles rubber, the British reserve team of Clare Wood and Andrew Foster was called upon. But Foster, who had been paid around $5,000 to be on stand-by at the event, could not be found and Andrew Jarrett, the coach, played as substitute.

Austria, who are unseeded, lost to Ukraine in the first *round last year; they now face* Spain, the No 3 seeds, in the quarter-finals.

For the first time at a leading tournament, the line calls in Perth were made by machine instead of line judges. Brian Williams, the promoter, said he was pleased with the Tennis Electronic Lines system, but Medvedev and Antonitsch said they were not so sure.

"The *machine made three* bad calls today," Medvedev said. "It's not fair to fire all the people. Human beings are better than machines."

Antonitsch felt the system made the game "more boring". "You feel like you're playing video games — there's no-one to argue with," he complained. "Somehow it's part of the game questioning calls. I'll have to start talking to the *machine*."

From the umpire's chair, the innovation was viewed more positively. Jane Tabor, of Somerset, said the system, which she operated with a hand-held computer, required extra concentration. "There's a lot to think about, but the accuracy *is superb*. You just have to train yourself to do a few extra things. It is a comfortable feeling that you're not going to get any queried calls."

Tabor conceded that there had been teething problems, mostly involving the handset which has to be activated before the start of each point.

RESULTS: Austria 3, Ukraine 0 (Austria names first): J Wiesner bt N Medvedeva 7-6, 6-3; Antonitsch bt A Medvedev 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; Wiesner and Antonitsch wo Medvedeva and Medvedev scr.

☐ Chris Wilkinson, who was briefly ranked No 1 in Britain this year, has parted company with his coach, Jonathan Smith, and enlisted Gary Custer, of Australia, in an attempt to arrest a decline in his form.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort		Weather (5pm) °C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	55	80	fair	varied	fair	fine	1	28/12
(Hard-packed snow and well-groomed pistes)								
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	25	70	good	heavy	fair	fair	4	30/12
(Many pistes still excellent but well used runs are worn)								
Mayrhofen	5	45	fair	heavy	closed	cloud	4	26/12
(Relatively good skiing in flat, light conditions)								
Schladming	15	100	good	varied	worn	cloud	3	30/12
(All upper slopes still skiing very well)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	110	210	fair	varied	fair	snow	2	31/12
(New wet snow making conditions tricky)								
Avoriaz	140	175	good	varied	good	cloud	-1	30/12
(Good piste skiing throughout the resort)								
Isola	25	60	good	crust	worn	snow	-2	31/12
(Wet snow falling all day, more expected)								
La Plagne	140	300	fair	heavy	fair	cloud	5	31/12
(Fresh wet snow making conditions heavy)								
Tignes	115	300	good	varied	good	fair	0	31/12
(Excellent skiing conditions everywhere)								
Val d'Isère	100	300	good	heavy	good	cloud	5	31/12
(Plenty of snow everywhere)								
Val Thorens	130	330	good	good	good	snow	2	31/12
(New snow freshening pistes)								
SWITZERLAND								
C Montana	70	110	powder	powder	good	sun	2	31/12
(Sunshine, fresh powder, and quiet pistes)								
Mürren	35	105	good	varied	good	cloud	4	26/12
(Good skiing but some worn patches)								
Verbier	30	250	good	varied	fair	cloud	5	26/12
(Light dusting of snow on upper slopes)								
Wengen	25	45	good	varied	fair	cloud	6	26/12
(Good skiing but sharp edges needed)								
UNITED STATES								
Vail	83	103	good	powder	good	fair	-3	30/12
(Good skiing on all trails)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes, U - upper, art - artificial.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Newbury

Going: heavy

1.05 (2m 1f ch) 1, BIG MATT (M A Fitzgerald, 11-10 fav); 2, Front Street (G Upton, 3-1); 3, Johnny Will (J Osborne, 3-1) ALSO RAN 14 Icicksline (4th), 20 West Bay (r), 66 Deep In Greek (pu) 6 ran. 1½l, 15l, dist. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £1.70. DF: £2.70 CSF: £4.56

1.35 (2m 5f hdle) 1, KAYTAK (D Murphy, 100-30), 2, Albertito (S Wynne, 5-2 fav); 3, Sea Buck (R Davis, 3-1) ALSO RAN: 5 Sabaki River (5th), 7 Calvinny Boy (4th) 5 ran. 8l, 1l, 20l, dist J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £4.50; £1.90, £1.40. DF: £5.00 CSF: £10.64.

2.05 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, CAPTAIN DOLFORD (J McCarthy, 5-1); 2, Montagnard (M P Fitzgerald, 12-1); 3, Wicket (W Marston, 6-1) ALSO RAN: 3-1 jt-fav Aswarnadh, Fair Brother (5th), 9-2 Super Mail (4th), 25 Crabby Bill (6th), 33 Black Sapphire (pu), 8 ran. 5l, 9l, 2½l, 2l, 5l. D Gandolfo at Wantage. Tote: £5.60, £1.80, £3.00, £1.70. DF: £196.20 CSF: £52.21 Tricast: £328.96

2.35 (3m ch) 1, MUDAHIM (W Marston, 11-8 fav); 2, Mallcorn (J Osborne, 13-8); 3, River Mandate (B Powell, 100-30) ALSO RAN: 10 Sayyure (4th), 33 Vital Score (f), Willow Gale (pu), 8 ran 1¼l, 30l, dist. C Broad at Westbury-on-Severn. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £2.20. CSF: £4.18.

3.05 (2m 5f hdle) 1, GLAISDALE (D Murphy, 5-4 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Bell Staffboy (W Marston, 4-1); 3, Lay It Off (L Harvey, 66-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 River Louise (f), 16 Hit The Fan (4th), 100 God Speed You (5th). Sat At Ease (pu). 7 ran ¾l, 25l, 20l, 2l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £1.90. DF: £3.40. CSF: £14.49. *After a stewards' enquiry, result stood*

3.35 (2m 1f ch) 1, SPREE CROSS (G Bradley, 5-1); 2, Good For A Laugh (J Burke, 5-1); 3, Allasi (S Smith Eccles, 10-1) ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Sailors Luck (5th), 5 Sartorius (4th), 7 Tidarg (6th), 14 Northern Jinks (pu). 7 ran. 20l, 5l, ¾l, 15l, 15l. Mrs D Haine at Newmarket. Tote: £5.00; £2.40, £1.60. DF: £9.30. CSF: £43.89

Jackpot: £4,226.10.

Pool: £98.00.

Catterick Bridge

Going: soft

12.30 (2m ch) 1, Political Tower (A Dobbin, 7-2); 2, Golden Isle (14-1), 3, Gymcrak Stardom (9-2). Finchley 8-13 fav 4 ran. 20l, dist. MJ Barnes. Tote: £5.00. DF: £17.60 CSF: £25.73.

1.00 (2m hdle) 1, Hillsown (G McCourt, 20-1), 2, Val De Rarra (9-1); 3, Auburn Boy (Evens fav; 17 ran. 3l, 2½l. J Johnson. Tote: £22.50. £3.70, £1.90, £1.30. DF: £50.80. CSF: £163.08.

1.30 (2m 3f ch) 1, Iassyin (R Garritty, 7-2), 2, Down The Road (5-2 fav); 3, Preoblakensky (4-1). 8 ran. NR, Lothian Pilot. 25l, 8l, M W Easterby. Tote: £4.70, £1.40, £1.70, £1.90 DF: £4.70. Trio: £12.10. CSF: £17.15 Tricast: £25.27.

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, Part In A Storm (G McCourt, Evens fav); 2, J P Morgan (13-2); 3, Charivcia (5-1). 12 ran 2½l, 15l N Tinkler. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £2.00, £1.90 DF: £6.30 CSF: £9.63.

2.30 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Heavenly Citizen (R Garritty, 5-1); 2, Truely Royal (11-4 fav), 3, Baltic Brown (9-2) 8 ran. 1½l, 8l. T Tate. Tote: £5.30, £2.00, £1.10, £1.50 DF: £5.20. CSF: £17.36. Tricast: £55.07.

3.00 (3m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Noddle (T Reed, 11-8 fav). 2, Furry Baby (9-2); 3, This Nettle Danger (6-1) 11 ran. 8l, 12l. L Lungo Tote: £2.20, £1.60, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £5.60 Trio: £10.90 CSF: £7.67 Tricast: £25.38.

Placepot: £54.40.

Leicester

Going: soft (chase course); heavy (hurdles)

12.50 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Fired Earth (A Maguire, 3-1), 2, Cambo (6-1), 3, Lesbet (9-1). Timur's King 11-4 fav 10 ran. 8l, 8l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £3.60, £1.90, £1.40, £2.30 DF: £17.60 Trio: £22.90. CSF: £19 31. Tricast: £128.73.

1.25 (2m hdle) 1, Touch Silver (Mr Richard White, 11-2); 2, Tymron Doon (4-1 fav); 3, Priory Piper (25-1). 11 ran. 15l, 10l. H Manners. Tote: £7.30; £2.20, £1.30, £8.10. DF: £9.90. CSF: £21.31

1.55 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Sheer Ability (R Dunwoody, Evens fav; Richard Evans's caps), 2, Fire Concord (9-2), 3, Dokkos (2-1). 4 ran. 7l, 20l. C Mann Tote: £2.00. DF: £3.10 CSF: £4.87.

2.25 (2m 1f ch) 1, Viaggio (T Eley, 4-1 jfav); 2, Beaufan (14-1), 3, Midday Show (9-2). Hickelton House 4-1 jt-fav. 8 ran. 3¼l, 3l. A Forbes. Tote: £4.50; £1.20, £3.20, £1.90. DF: £68.30. CSF: £46.15.

2.55 (3m ch) 1, Blinsley (D Bridgwater, 7-2); 2, Underwychwood (5-1); 3, Sandaig (13-4). Ebony Gale 5-4 fav, 4 ran. NR: Howaryadoort, 7l, dist. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £3.50. DF: £7.30 CSF: £16.14.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, Refloat (A Maguire, 2-7 fav); 2, Downe Chance (7-1); 3, Arctic Life (7-1). 4 ran. 6l, 12l. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.90. CSF: £2.92.

Placepot: £111.50.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

12.10 (1m) 1, Respectable Jones (L Dettori, 2-1 fav), 2, Par Of Jacko (15-2), 3, Jacobsam (9-1) 11 ran. Sri Ind, dl. R Hollinshead. Tote: £2.80, £1.30, £2.20, £3.00 DF: £6.20 CSF: £18.08.

12.40 (5f) 1, As Such (L Dettori, 30-100 fav); 2, Napoleon Star (14-1); 3, Norin To Glory (33-1). 5 ran. 3l, 2½l. N Callaghan. Tote: £1.20; £1.00, £4.90. DF: £6.00. CSF: £5.29

1.15 (1m) 1, Wave Hill (Stephen Davies, 10-11 fav); 2, Masrun (8-1); 3, Brooke Express (25-1). 10 ran. 3l, hd. P Hedger. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.00. £2 80 DF: £4.20. CSF: £7.34.

1.45 (1m) 1, Norcaine Prince (J Williams, 9-2); 2, Danielle Habibi (25-1); 3, Lively (20-1). Encore Senor 11-4 fav. 12 ran. Hd, 1l. D Wilson. Tote: £3.20; £2.70, £10.90, £3.20. DF: £248.30. Trio: £602.60 CSF: £95.55. Tricast: £1,874 84

2.20 (1m 5f) 1, Island Blade (J Quinn, 10-1); 2, Slight Risk (5-1), 3, Carlowitz (100-30 fav); 4, Mr Bean (25-1). 16 ran. 4l, 12l. R Akehurst. Tote: £10.00, £2.20, £2.40, £1.60, £8.90. DF: £51.00. Trio: £57.60. CSF: £62.97. Tricast: £195.38

2.50 (5f) 1, Rhythmic Dancer (A Mackay, 13-2); 2, Little Saboteur (4-1 fav); 3, Running Glimpse (5-1). Very Dicey 4-1 fav. 9 ran. NR: Patsy Prince. 2l, 3½l. J Spearing. Tote: £8.00; £1.90, £1.50, £2.20. DF: £22.20. Trio: £22.50. CSF: £30.93. Tricast: £128.67.

3.25 (7f) 1, Young Duke (A Clark, 3-1 fav); 2, Scrush (7-1); 3, Village Green (14-1). 14 ran. Nk, 5l. Mrs S Williams. Tote: £5.40; £1.80, £3.70, £3.10. DF: £36.00. Trio: £133.20. CSF: £25.93. Tricast: £254.17.

Placepot: £83.60.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

12.50 La Spagna. 1.20 Carfax. 1.55 Leviathan Mystery. 2.25 Gustavia. 2.55 Awesome Power. 3.25 Dancing Diamond.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

DRAW: 6F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.50 SAN SEBASTIAN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,601: 7f) (8 runners)

1 333- DOCTOR JAMES 17 (BF) J Pitch-Hayes 9-0 ..... T Williams 8
2 00- DONT CON TH'BOOKIE 17 W Musson 9-0 ..... J Williams 6
3 005- THORNY BISHOP 14 J Bridger 9-0 ..... G Bardwell 2
4 TIDDY OGGIE M Graham 9-0 ..... L Dettori 3
5 0- BALMAHA 158 W Haggas 8-9 ..... M Hills 4
6 4- LA SPAGNA 17 M Prescot 8-9 ..... C Nutter 1
7 600- MISS KATIE LOUISE 75 J Spearing 8-9 ..... V Slattery 5
8 0- OSCIMA 17 P Mitchell 8-9 ..... W Newnes 7

4-1 Doctor James, 5-2 Thorny Bishop, 5-1 Balmaha, 6-1 Dont Con Th'bookie, 8-1 La Spagna. 12-1 Tiddy Oggie, 14-1 others.

1.20 V&O CLAIMING STAKES (£2,579: 2m) (12)

1 A0- MALAMUTE SALOON 45J (V,6) M Pipe 8-8-10 ..... L Dettori 5
2 /00- MEDIATOR 59 A Moore 5-8-4 ..... L Carter (7) 1
3 225- CARRAS 15J N Hood 9-8-3 ..... W Newnes 12
4 /0/ HELLEBORUS 512 F O'Mahony 6-8-12 ..... J Williams 9
5 0/0- MAMALAMA 37J J Bridger 8-8-9 ..... T Williams 2
6 004- WALK THAT WALK 11 (B) K Wingrove 5-8-5.. P McCabe (5) 8
7 606- GREY WATCH 14 P Howling 4-8-4 ..... D Biggs 3
8 000- ARRASAS LADY 11 J Long 4-8-2 ..... R Price 7
9 000- SHOPTILYOUDROP 14 G L Moore 4-8-0 ..... A Morris 4
10 3- BETTY KENWOOD 18 (B) K Wingrove 4-7-12 ..... M Baird (7) 10
11 000- KINCHBURNSKA 18 (B) W Muir 4-7-12 ..... G Bardwell 11
12 .500- JOANAH 11 (F) C C Elsey 4-7-10 ..... N Adams 8

5-2 Malamute Saloon, 7-2 Betty Kenwood, 5-1 Carlos, Walk That Walk, 7-1 Khanfi, 8-1 Shoptillyoudrop, 12-1 Kinchburnska, 16-1 others.

1.55 SANTANDER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,143: 6f) (6)

1 221- KING TroT 95 (F) M Johnston 9-7 ..... T Williams 1
2 234- FORT KNOX 33 R Armstrong 9-2 ..... R Price 2
3 104- LITTLE BIRR 4 (B,C,G) N Callaghan 8-11 ..... L Dettori 6
4 684- LEVIATHAN MYSTERY 11 Lord Huntingdon 8-6 ..... M Hills 5
5 012- PIERRE THYNES 14 TEDDY'S BET 7 Moore 8-5 ..... N Adams 4
6 000- ROCKETEER 5 (B) W Muir 8-0 ..... Kim McDonnell 3

5-2 King Rat, 3-1 Fort Knox, 9-2 Rickle Tango, 5-1 Leviathan Mystery, 11-2 Rocketeer, 6-1 Little Birr.

2.25 LIMA HANDICAP (£4,498: 1m) (6)

1 301- GUSTAVIA 35 (CD,G) R Armstrong 4-10-8 ..... M Hills 1
2 050- ROCKY WATERS 14 (C,F,G) G L Moore 5-9-12 ..... L Dettori 2
3 052- INVOCATION 14 (C,G) A Moore 7-9-9 ..... M Adams 4
4 421- EXPRESS SERVICE 5 (B,C,G) W O'Gorman 5-8-6 (5ex) ..... Emma O'Gorman (3) 5
5 030- PIGALLE WONDER 24 (B,CD,G) R O'Sullivan 8-7-13. D Biggs 3
6 105- KOHTARA 195 (D,G) P Mitchell 4-7-9 ..... G Bardwell 6

9-4 Express Service, 3-1 Gustavia, 7-2 Invocation, Pigalle Wonder, 8-1 Rocky Waters, 25-1 Kohtara.

2.55 BILBAO LIMITED STAKES (£2,467: 1m 2f) (9)

1 361- APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 18 (D,G) K Wingrove 7-9-3 ..... M Baird (7) 9
2 223- AWESOME POWER 17 (CD,G) J Hills 8-8-3 ..... A Clark 3
3 040- JOHNS JOY 11 (D,F,G) J Bridger 9-8-3 ..... T Williams 7
4 /64- LUCKHAM STYLE 14 (B) Mrs S Wiking 6-8-3 ..... G Bardwell 8
5 205- MASTER HYDE 5 (C,G) P Mitchell 5-8-3 ..... W Newnes 1
6 305- FLASHFEET 11 (BF) B Forsey 4-8-0 ..... J Williams 4
7 400- MARK'S CLUB 24 (B,C,G) R O'Sullivan 4-8-0 ..... D Biggs 9
8 004- PRECIOUS AIR 30 (F,G,S) A Moore 6-8-12 ..... L Dettori 5
9 050- CANDARELA 39 P Howling 4-8-8 ..... Debbie Biggs (7) 2

11-4 Master Hyde, 3-1 Awesome Power, 7-2 Flashfeet, 5-1 Appliancesofscience, 6-1 Precious Air, 8-1 Mark's Club, 20-1 others.

3.25 SANTIAGO HANDICAP (£2,951: 1m 4f) (10)

1 400- MILZIG 30J (B,BF,G) R O'Sullivan 5-10-0 ..... D Biggs 8
2 221- ABLE CHOICE 31 (G) R Armstrong 4-9-7 ..... L Dettori 3
3 004- CLIBURNEL NEWS 17 (D,F,G) W Muir 4-8-11. G Mulvey (7) 2
4 /50- MERSEYSIDE MAN 315 (B,C,F,G) J Scargill 5-8-6 ..... Emma O'Gorman (3) 10
5 014- DANCING DIAMOND 52 (CD,BF,G) Miss E Sinclair 4-8-3 ..... B Russell (5) 4
6 450- CHILTERN HUNDREDS 39J (G) W Musson 4-7-9 ..... N Adams 5
7 000- MELISO 84 C Wildman 4-7-7 ..... D Wright (5) 1
8 084- KELLY'S KITE 35 (F,G) H Collingridge 6-7-7 .C Hawksley (7) 6
9 046- KENYATTA 24 A Moore 5-7-7 ..... L Suthern (7) 9
10 400- WITCHWAY NORTH 18 H Collingridge 4-7-7 ..... G Bardwell 7

7-4 Able Choice, 3-1 Dancing Diamond, 4-1 Milzig, 5-1 Cliburnel News, 6-1 Kelly's Kite, 16-1 Merseyside Man, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 17 winners from 79 runners, 21.5%, W O'Gorman, 33 from 157, 21.0%; Lord Huntingdon, 16 from 79, 20.3%; M Johnston, 18 from 92, 19.6%; N Callaghan, 13 from 76, 18.6%; R O'Sullivan, 29 from 157, 18.5%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 19 winners from 54 rides, 35.2%; Emma O'Gorman, 34 from 150, 22.7%; M Hills, 30 from 166, 18.1%; L Carter, 4 from 27, 14.8%; J Williams, 50 from 356, 14.0%; B Russell, 7 from 57, 12.3%.

SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Come On Quick, Holly Martin's, The Tanner, Lucky Asset, Clare Coast, Credit Cut, Peerage Prince.

Big Matt looks bright recruit

By Julian Muscat

APPROPRIATELY enough, events at Newbury yesterday were geared very much towards the future. Conditional jockeys landed two of the six races, there were victories for two novice chasers bound for Cheltenham, and William Hill, the bookmakers, quoted odds of 10-1 about the Grand National not taking place in 1994.

If Nicky Henderson, the Lambourn trainer, suffered nightmares after his Wont Be Gone Long and Richard Dunwoody became entangled in the National starting tape, at least he ended the year on a more vibrant note when Big Matt, a recent recruit from Ireland, outjumped his five rivals in the Wantage Novices' Chase over an extended two miles.

Henderson, clearly taken by Big Matt's fencing debut, predicted a bright future for his horse, although he stopped short of the prediction he made when standing in the same winner's enclosure exactly 12 months ago. "I stated then that Travado would win the Arkle Trophy," he said. "I'm not going to say the same about this fellow, but he has made a good start."

An unfortunate aside to Big Matt's 1½-length defeat of Front Street was his tendency to jump to his right. This quirk repeatedly cost him ground but Henderson believes the problem will look after itself when the horse competes in better company.

He also had encouraging news of Remittance Man, who is standing up to serious work as he prepares for his much-awaited racecourse return. A flamboyant jumper, Remittance Man should be back in action before the month is out with the Game Spirit Chase at this venue a possible starting point.

Another to exhibit the same right-handed tendency was Mudahim, who must have forfeited all of 15 lengths at the obstacles before holding Mailcom in the Elcot Park Novices' Chase over three miles.

Bred to win a classic, Mudahim may be as able as any among this season's talented collection of staying novices, as his trainer, Chris Broad, believes, but the seven-year-old will not be winning at the Cheltenham festival unless this kink can be ironed out.

Bell Staffboy tried manfully to hoist a Broad double in the Ramsbury Hurdle but was just outpaced by the more experienced Glaisdale after the final flight.

Glaisdale's trainer, Mark Tompkins, later reported that Halkopous returned from his disappointing fourth place in the Christmas Hurdle on Monday with a nasty gash to his off-hind leg, which required three stitches.

Consequently, Halkopous is most unlikely to be seen before the Champion Hurdle, for which Hills quote him at 12-1. His stable companion, Staunch Friend, is 10-1 third favourite behind Fortune And Fame (6-1) and Granville Again (9-1), but Carobee will miss the race after he sustained a leg injury which will keep him off the track until next season. Carobee's trainer, David Nicholson, may yet be represented by the juvenile hurdler Mysilv, presently 6-1 favourite for the Triumph Hurdle.

A feature of taking out membership at Newbury racecourse is the rare opportunity the executive offers members to make their views known at an annual gathering. By all accounts, the meeting passed peacefully enough, given earlier complaints about the renovated Berkshire Stand.

David Pank, the course's chief executive, reported that membership levels rose to such an extent in 1993 that a ceiling of 2,500 will be imposed to ensure existing members get the best from facilities. Prize-money for 1994 will top £2 million.



JULIAN HERBERT

Captain Dolford in command over the last en route to victory in Newbury's Abingdon Handicap Hurdle

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: STRATH ROYAL (3.35 Nottingham)

Next best: Here He Comes (1.10 Newbury)

NEWBURY

THUNDERER

12.40 Dee Raft. 1.10 Nikitas. 1.40 Large Action. 2.15 DO BE BRIEF (nap). 2.45 Golden Spinner. 3.15 Viking Flagship. 3.45 Better Bythe Glass.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.40 LARGE ACTION.

GOING: SOFT SIS

12.40 WICKHAM NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £3,324: 2m 110yd) (13 runners)

101 16 BAGALINO 21 (D,G) (Sir Eric Parker) G Harwood 11-5 M Perrett 94
102 DEE RAFT 70F (The Sherwood Connection) S Sherwood 11-0 J Osborne –
103 DESERT CHALLENGER 192F (Andrews Freight Ltd) J Jenkins 11-0 S Smith Eccles –
104 5F DUVEEN 22 (Fat Boys Racing) N Twiston-Davies 11-0 C Llewellyn 88
105 IF IT SUITS 68F (S Harper) R Akehurst 11-0 G McCourt –
106 MARIUS 58F (Mrs L Simpson) J Gifford 11-0 D Murphy –
107 MONAZITE 110F (Albury Racing Ltd) J McConnochie 11-0 R Bellamy –
108 2 PHROSE 19 (Mrs S Gay) C Weedon 11-0 Peter Hobbs 87
109 2 SUPREME MASTER 30 (H Hopgood) R Hannon 11-0 R Dunwoody ●
110 UPWARD SURGE 259F (Racing Club KCB) K Bailey 11-0 N Williamson –
111 VOLUNTEER POINT 224F (Miss K Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 11-0 J Burke (5) –
112 WINTER FOREST 103F (Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum) D Nicholson 11-0 A Maguire –
113 GREENHILL WONDER 72F (B) (I Plank) A Chamberlain 10-9 B Powell –

BETTING: 3-1 Supreme Master, 4-1 Winter Forest, 6-1 Dee Raft, Duveen, 8-1 Bagalino, Phrose, 10-1 Marius, 12-1 Desert Challenger, 14-1 others.

1993: SCRUTINEER 11-0 R Dunwoody (Evens fav) D Nicholson 24 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAGALINO's best effort came when beating Wings Cove ¾l in a 6-runner novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good). PHROSE 1½l 2nd of 19 to Wolfhold in a novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft). SUPREME MASTER 5l 2nd of 14 to Admiral's Well in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good), with DUVEEN 12½l 5th. VOLUNTEER POINT's best Flat effort came when beating Share A Moment 2½l in a 6-runner maiden at Hamilton (1m 4f, soft). WINTER FOREST best Flat effort came when 4l 3rd of 4 to Darrey in a conditions race at Pontefract (1m 4f, good).
Selection: SUPREME MASTER

1.10 ROCKING HORSE NURSERY HANDICAP HURDLE (BBC1)
(£7,304: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

201 11P0-11 HERE HE COMES 21 (D,G,S) (F Hannington) R Akehurst 8-11-11 G McCourt 90
202 31014-5 SABAKI RIVER 1 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs B Taylor) Mrs J Retter 10-11-2 DOUBTFUL 97
203 53F410- HOLY WANDERER 16F (D,F) (Mrs J Leel) D Arbuthnot 5-10-13 G Upton 87
204 12433/ IVEAGH HOUSE 791 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Robins) A Turnell 8-10-8 S McNeill –
205 212515- MIAMI SPLASH 281 (D,BF,G,S) (G Weekes) P Hobbs 7-10-7 M Hourigan 96
206 4-25223 NIKITAS 21 (CD,F,G,S) (Miss A Whitfield) Miss A Whitfield 9-10-2 A Maguire ●
207 01-36 PROPAGANDA 22 (CD,BF,F) (Bloomsbury Stud) N Henderson 6-10-0 DOUBTFUL 93

Long handicap: Propaganda 9-13.

BETTING: 3-1 Here He Comes, 4-1 Holy Wanderer, Miami Splash, 5-1 Nikitas, 6-1 Propaganda, 7-1 Sabaki River, 14-1 Iveagh House.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

HERE HE COMES beat Whippers Delight 4l in a 6-runner handicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, good to soft). SABAKI RIVER last to Kaytak in a 5-runner handicap hurdle at here yesterday (2m 5f, heavy). HOLY WANDERER's best effort came when beating Thinking Twice 4l in a 13-runner novice hurdle at Worcester (2m, good to firm). IVEAGH HOUSE 3¼l 3rd of 4 to Fragrant Dawn in a hurdle at Warwick in November 1991 (2m, good to firm). MIAMI SPLASH's best effort came when beating Jazz 4l in an 18-runner conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good). NIKITAS 2¾l 3rd of 6 to Strath Royal in a handicap hurdle at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good). PROPAGANDA 11¾l 6th of 7 to Sand-Dollar in a handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good).
Selection: NIKITAS

1.40 CHALLOW HURDLE (BBC1)
(Grade I: £17,075: 2m 5f) (7 runners)

301 03-F421 ARCTIC COURSE 24 (D,S) (Mrs S Robins) D Nicholson 6-11-7 A Maguire 67
302 3055-31 BOOK OF MUSIC 22 (G) (Mrs D Lousada) J Gifford 6-11-7 D Murphy 72
303 1F2 CORROUGE 5 (G) (M Gates) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-7 C Llewellyn 80
304 300-003 IVOR'S FLUTTER 22 (W Perry) D Elsworth 5-11-7 P Holley 69
305 101-211 LARGE ACTION 21 (C,G,S) (B Stewart-Brown) O Sherwood 6-11-7 J Osborne ●
306 0-15211 TOP SPIN 29 (F,G) (J Long) J Jenkins 5-11-7 N Williamson 91
307 2-12U11 POWLEYVALE 22 (G,S) (M St Quinton) B Rothwell 7-11-2 R Dunwoody 77

BETTING: 11-10 Large Action, 5-1 Corrouge, Top Spin, 6-1 Book Of Music, 14-1 Arctic Course, Powleyvale, 20-1 Ivor's Flutter.

1993: LORD RELIC 7-11-7 P Scudamore (15-8 fav) M Pipe 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARCTIC COURSE beat Smith's Band 1½l in a 14-runner novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 5f 110yd, heavy). BOOK OF MUSIC beat Kytton Castle 1l in an 11-runner novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good), with IVOR'S FLUTTER 1l 3rd. CORROUGE 8l 2nd of 13 to Shujan in a novice hurdle at Kempton (2m, good). LARGE ACTION beat Fatack 8l in the 7-runner grade II Laurels Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good), with CORROUGE (7lb better off) 4th and beaten when fell last. TOP SPIN beat Scobie Boy 3l in the 9-runner grade II Crowngap Winter Novices' Hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, good). POWLEYVALE beat Another Nick 6l in an 11-runner novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 4f, good).
Selection: LARGE ACTION

2.15 LADBROKE GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (BBC1)
(£17,588: 3m 2f 110yd) (10 runners)

401 F/15U0-1 GAMBLING ROYAL 24 (D,G,S) (Roach Foods Ltd) D Nicholson 11-11-13 A Maguire 86
402 12-522U ANTONIN 4 (F,G,S) (M Stanners) Mrs S Bramall 6-11-6 J Burke (5) 93
403 1111P-F STIRRUP CUP 28 (D,G,S) (Elite Racing Club) C Egerton 10-11-2 G Bradley 90
404 11F1-11 MIDNIGHT CALLER 24 (D,S) (M Worcester) S Sherwood 8-10-9 J Osborne 93
405 32-1311 DO BE BRIEF 16 (B,C,G,S) (E Brown) Mrs J Pitman 9-10-8 I Lawrence ●
406 P/131P-6 NATIVE PRIDE 50 (CD,F,G,S) (J S Racing) K Bailey 7-10-5 N Williamson 94
407 3PP2P-5 AUCTION LAW 70 (F,G,S) (Mrs B Gittins) D Barons 10-10-5 R Dunwoody 90
408 140-532 ANNIO CHILONE 16 (D,BF,G,S) (Miss J Semple) J Gifford 8-10-3 P Hide (3) 99
409 5133-14 GRANGE BRAKE 14 (B,C,F,G,S) (Mrs J Mould) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-2 C Llewellyn 95
410 2223-12 RATHVINDEN HOUSE 72 (C,BF,G,S) (B Lowrey) T Thomson Jones 7-10-0 B Powell 96

Long handicap: Rathvinden House 9-13.

BETTING: 4-1 Midnight Caller, Do Be Brief, 9-2 Gambling Royal, 6-1 Stirrup Cup, 8-1 Annio Chilone, Rathvinden House, 10-1 Grange Brake, 11-1 Native Pride, 20-1 Antonin, 40-1 Auction Law.

1993: JODAMI 8-12-0 M Dwyer (9-4 fav) P Beaumont 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

GAMBLING ROYAL beat Plenty Crack 12l in a 4-runner chase at Haydock (3m, soft). ANTONIN 6l 2nd of 6 to Young Benz in a handicap chase at Wetherby on penultimate start (2m 4f 110yd, good). STIRRUP CUP beat Kentish Piper a short head in a 6-runner handicap chase at Uttoxeter, on latest completed start, in February (2m 7f, good to soft). MIDNIGHT CALLER beat Camelot Knight 2l in an 8-runner handicap chase at Worcester (2m 7f, heavy). DO BE BRIEF beat Cybaro ¾l in a 7-runner handicap chase at Towcester (3m 1f, heavy). NATIVE PRIDE 18½l 6th of 8 to Light Veneer in a handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good). AUCTION LAW 38l 6th of 9 to Stunning Stuff in a handicap chase at Worcester (2m 4f 110yd, good to firm). ANNIO CHILONE 2½l 2nd of 5 to Catch The Cross in a handicap chase at Folkestone (3m 2f, good to soft). GRANGE BRAKE beat Boarding School 7l in a 4-runner handicap chase at Perth on penultimate start (3m 4f 110yd, good). RATHVINDEN HOUSE 3l 2nd of 7 to Bonsai Bud in a handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: DO BE BRIEF

2.45 NEWBURY RACECOURSE CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION CENTRE NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,285: 3m 110yd) (13 runners)

501 03P5-11 GORT 23 (D,G,S) (F Allison) Miss K Allison 6-11-4 J Leach ●
502 1 SEEKIN CASH 25 (S) (Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum) C Egerton 5-11-4 J Osborne 93
503 4-001 TOTHEWOODS 28 (S) (R Cooper) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-4 C Llewellyn 73
504 50/4U-62 FUN MONEY 15 (F) (G Phillips) A J Wilson 7-11-0 A Maguire 75
505 103-224 GOLDEN SPINNER 22 (C,S) (Mrs H Maitland-Jones) N Henderson 7-11-0 R Dunwoody 81
506 00-0 GREAT ORME 15 (D Thomas) D Barons 7-11-0 J Frost –
507 000 LOYAL GAIT 22 (A Darlington) A J Wilson 5-11-0 B Powell –
508 /U/34P MONKSANDER 32 (J Pearl) P Ritchens 8-11-0 B Clifford 68
509 /0/P004 PHARDAH'S SON 15 (T Johnsey) Miss C Johnsey 8-11-0 S Earle –
510 4-0PP ROYAL GAIT 15 (NZ) (B) (Lt Cmdr P Flaate) D Barons 6-11-0 R Davis (3) –
511 3 SUNY BAY 28 (A Cohen) J Upson 5-11-0 R Supple 70
512 0F44-24 DOLLY OATS 19 (R Faiers) R Eckley 8-10-9 D Gallagher 80
513 60 ROMANY BLUES 29 (H Sibley) A Jones 5-10-9 N Williamson –

BETTING: 3-1 Seekin Cash, 7-2 Golden Spinner, 4-1 Gort, 5-1 Tothewoods, 7-1 Fun Money, 14-1 Phardah's Son, Suny Bay, 20-1 others.

1993: BRAVE BUCCANEER 6-11-0 J White (14-1) D Murray Smith 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

GORT beat Alice Smith 2¾l in a 14-runner handicap chase at Taunton (3m 110yd, good to soft). Previously, beat Polecroft 15l in a 16-runner selling handicap hurdle at Hereford (3m 2f, good). SEEKIN CASH beat Simply 12l in a 12-runner novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m 4f, soft). TOTHEWOODS beat Nick The Beak 5l in a 14-runner novice hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, soft). FUN MONEY 20l 2nd of 14 to Man To Man in a novice hurdle at Uttoxeter last time out (2m 4f 100yd, heavy), with PHARDAH'S SON 26l 4th. GREAT ORME tailed off and ROYAL GAIT pulled up. GOLDEN SPINNER 3½l 4th of 11 to Book Of Music in a novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good), with LOYAL GAIT tailed off. SUNY BAY 15½l 3rd of 7 to General Wolfe in a novice hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, soft). DOLLY OATS 21l 4th of 17 to Welsh Lustre in a mares only novice hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft).
Selection: SEEKIN CASH

3.15 HUNGERFORD HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,446: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

601 11111-2 VIKING FLAGSHIP 24 (BF,F,G,S) (Roach Foods Ltd) D Nicholson 7-11-12 A Maguire ●
602 13/5F-00 LYPHENTO 22 (D,F,G,S) (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 10-10-0 D Murphy –
603 312F1-1 GNOME'S TYCOON 22 (D,F,G,S) (I Naylor) R Phillips 8-10-0 J Railton 98
604 1-F4121 THATCHER ROCK 19 (D,F,G,S) (Miss G Hunter) P Nicholls 9-10-0 Guy Lewis (7) 98

Long handicap: Lyphento 9-13, Gnome's Tycoon 9-13, Thatcher Rock 9-8.

BETTING: 2-1 Viking Flagship, 9-4 Thatcher Rock, 5-2 Gnome's Tycoon, 7-1 Lyphento.

1993: ANOTHER CORAL 10-11-7 R Dunwoody (7-4 fav) D Nicholson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

VIKING FLAGSHIP 3l 2nd in match with Last 'O' The Bunch in a handicap chase at Haydock last time out (2m, soft). Best effort came when beating Foulksrath Castle 2½l in an 8-runner listed handicap chase at Punchestown last season (2m, good to yielding). LYPHENTO 61l 8th of 12 to Newton Point in a handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 110yd, good). GNOME'S TYCOON beat Dragons Den 15l in a handicap chase at Doncaster (2m 3f 110yd, good). Previously, beat Light The Wick 3l in an 11-runner chase at Navan last season (2m 4f, good to firm). THATCHER ROCK beat L'Uomo Piu a head in a 4-runner handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, soft). Better effort when 1¾l 2nd of 8 to Nevada Gold in a handicap chase at Uttoxeter on penultimate start (2m 5f, good).
Selection: GNOME'S TYCOON

3.45 OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,856: 2m 110yd) (16 runners)

1 1 LEAD VOCALIST 31 (D,S) (Capt A Pratt) R Rowe 5-11-12 C Burnett-Wells (5) –
2 ACE PLAYER (R Michaelson) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-11-5 S Fox (7) –
3 6 BETTER BYTHE GLASS 14 (Bloodshot Syndicate) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-5 C Llewellyn –
4 CAPITAIN (S Jones) A Jones 5-11-5 N Williamson –
5 GOT TO BE JOKING (A Collins) Mrs J Retter 6-11-5 S Burrough –
6 HOPE THATCH (T Green) D Barons 6-11-5 R Davis (3) –
7 LINTON ROCKS (Mrs C Morrison) T Thomson Jones 5-11-5 S Smith Eccles –
8 MISTER SPECTATOR (Mrs M Sutton) D Nicholson 5-11-5 M Keighley (7) –
9 NAHTHEN LAD (J Shaw) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-5 L O'Hara (7) –
10 6 SHIMBA HILLS 24 (Mrs K Stuart) Mrs J Retter 6-11-5 R Dunwoody –
11 0 ST MELLION FAIRWAY 24 (St Mellion Estates Ltd) J Old 5-11-5 Pat Thompson (7) –
12 WOODLAND CUTTING (Mrs P Glenn) J Chugg 6-11-5 W Humphreys –
13 OLYMPIC ROSE (Heathend Racing Syndicate) C Weedon 5-11-0 Peter Hobbs –
14 0-0 SWEET FRIENDSHIP 35 (N Jones) E Buckley 6-11-0 R Supple –
15 NORTHERN SINGER (R Hodges) R Hodges 4-10-7 G McCourt –
16 QUAKER WALTZ (J Tuck) J Tuck 4-10-2 D Meade (7) –

BETTING: 5-2 Lead Vocalist, 4-1 St Mellion Fairway, 5-1 Mister Spectator, Nahthen Lad, 7-1 Better Bythe Glass, 8-1 Ace Player, 12-1 Hope Thatch, 16-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

LEAD VOCALIST beat Auto Pilot by a neck in a 22-runner National Hunt flat race at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to soft). BETTER BYTHE GLASS 5¾l 5th of 16 to Thermal Warrior in a National Hunt flat race at Uttoxeter (2m, heavy). ST MELLION FAIRWAY 3l 2nd of 21 to Red Parade in a National Hunt flat race at Worcester (2m, heavy), with SHIMBA HILLS 36¾l 6th. SWEET FRIENDSHIP 53l 8th of 9 to Betty's Island in a National Hunt flat race at Southwell (AW, 2m, standard).
Selection: LEAD VOCALIST

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Hannon	4	14	28.6	R Dunwoody	47	181	26.0
O Sherwood	22	86	25.6	J Osborne	32	144	22.2
G Harwood	5	22	22.7	P Holley	12	57	21.1
N Henderson	26	119	21.8	S Smith Eccles	5	24	20.8
D Nicholson	20	92	21.7	J Frost	13	76	17.1
T Thomson Jones	5	26	19.2	C Llewellyn	9	56	16.1

☐ Adrian Maguire rode his 300th winner in Britain at Leicester yesterday. He reached the landmark when Relkeel justified odds of 7-2 on to beat Divine Chance in the Pytchley National Hunt Novices' Hurdle. The Irishman, who earned high praise for his riding of Barton Bank in the King George VI Chase on Monday, is well on target to win the jockeys' title for the first time. He is now 39 clear of his nearest pursuer, the reigning champion Richard Dunwoody.



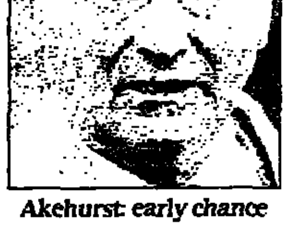
TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

NEWBURY

BBC1

1.10: Here He Comes is in form, has ground conditions in his favour and looks the safest choice. Reg Akehurst has booked Graham McCourt for his mud-lover, who has won before carrying big weights. Propaganda was beaten 3½ lengths by the selection at Windsor and is 7lb better off, but failed to deliver at Cheltenham last time. The well-handicapped Nikitas, who gained his last win here over a year ago, should appreciate the ground and is the danger.

1.40: I cannot look beyond Large Action, who can take this on his way to Cheltenham glory. Oliver Sherwood's top hurdler is yet to encounter ground anywhere near as soft as this but this son of The Parson should love it. Slightly outpaced three out before rallying to beat Fatack over an extended two miles at Cheltenham, the six-year-old should also appreciate today's step up in distance.



Akehurst: early chance

2.15: Half a dozen can be fancied in this cracking chase, including Stirrup Cup. The Charlie Egerton-trained mud-lover has failed to finish in his last two runs but is in tip-top form at home. David Nicholson is bullish about the chances of Gambling Royal, but the Aintree hopeful does not look particularly well handicapped. By contrast, Do Be Brief still looks fairly treated, despite three victories this year. However, I just prefer Midnight Caller, who is best on left-handed courses and soft ground.

Richard Evans

CATTERICK

THUNDERER

12.45 First Lord. 1.15 Surrey Dancer. 1.50 No More Trix. 2.20 Bend Sable. 2.50 Golden Freeze. 3.20 Ratify.

GOING: SOFT (8.30 PRECAUTIONARY INSPECTION) SIS

12.45 ROBINSON CRUSOE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,455: 3m 1f 110yd) (13 runners)

1 00P1 QUIET MONEY 10 (S) M Hammond 7-11-11 C Grant 88
2 3U2P SCOTTISH GOLD 21 (BF,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 10-11-11 T Reed ●
3 -000 DONEGAL STYLE 70 J Johnson 6-11-5 Richard Guest –
4 P EXTRA SPECIAL 1067 G Richards 8-11-5 N Doughty –
5 /22- FIRST LORD 449 (G,S) Mrs V Aconley 8-11-5 P Niven 97
6 -43P GREENFIELD MANOR 12 (BF) N Chamberlain 7-11-5 J Supple (5) 94
7 5U3F MAUREEN'S FANCY 15 J Parkes 9-11-5 N Smith –
8 5020 MONAUGHTY MAN 14 E Cane 8-11-5 P Williams (5) 78
9 PU STRONG CHANCE 734 J Charlton 8-11-5 B Storey –
10 00 THE LORRYMAN 21 W Reed 6-11-5 F Perratt (5) –
11 P0-0 TRAVEL BOUND 15 J Parkes 9-11-5 A Dobbin 74
12 F0-3 WESTWELL BOY 22 (G) P Beaumont 8-11-5 C Hawkins 94
13 206F SAUDEDGE 25 G White 7-11-0 P Waggott (5) 84

11-4 Westwell Boy, 4-1 Scottish Gold, 5-1 First Lord, 7-1 Greenfield Manor, Quiet Money, 10-1 Extra Special, Saudedge, 14-1 others.

1.15 MOTHER GOOSE NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,550: 2m) (20)

1 12 SURREY DANCER 32 (D,BF,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-12 P Niven 98
2 ANAR 77F A Potts 5-11-5 L O'Hara –
3 BOLD ELECT 58F P Wegmann 6-11-5 J Callaghan –
4 34 COOL LUKE 24 G Moore 5-11-5 N Bentley (3) 87
5 60-0 CROFTON LAKE 68 J Dixon 6-11-5 Mr R Hale (7) –
6 DANCE ON SIXPENCE 159F D Eddy 6-11-5 N Doughty –
7 0 DERWENT LAD 49 M Barnes 5-11-5 A Dobbin –
8 P-P0 PRICELESS HOLLY 46 R Wood 6-11-5 C Woodall (7) –
9 3- SUNKALA SHINE 257F Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-5 M Dwyer 81
10 P0F TOLLS CHOICE 24 M W Easterby 5-11-5 J Driscoll (7) –
11 45 VANART 24 W Haigh 5-11-5 D Byrne 86
12 0/F ZIN ZAN 15 J Johnson 6-11-5 Richard Guest –
13 SARTIGILA 98F M Hammond 5-11-0 C Grant –
14 62 GENSERIC 28 T Tate 4-10-7 R Garritty ●
15 5 MALAWI 90 W Bethell 4-10-7 B Storey 76
16 MURPHY'S HOPE 71F T Tate 4-10-7 W Fry (7) –
17 P PUBLIC WAY 23 N Chamberlain 4-10-7 J Supple (5) –
18 F WEAVER GEORGE 66 N Chamberlain 4-10-7 T Reed –
19 SHARKASHKA 70F M H Easterby 4-10-2 L Wyer –
20 3562 SUMMERS DREAM 22 Mrs P Barker 4-10-2 C Hawkins 79

6-4 Surrey Dancer, 7-2 Genseric, 6-1 Cool Luke, 8-1 Sunkala Shine, 10-1 Sartigila, Sharkashka, Vanart, 14-1 others.

1.50 PETER PIPER HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,012: 3m 1f 110yd) (3)

1 13-1 NO MORE TRIX 31 (CD,G,S) T Tate 8-11-10 R Garritty ●
2 P/2 THE MALTKILN 23 (V,CD,F,G,S) M Hammond 11-11-1 C Grant 90
3 541F GATHERING TIME 15 (BF,G,S) J Johnson 8-11-0 Richard Guest 93

5-6 No More Trix, 2-1 Gathering Time, 3-1 The Maltkiln.

2.20 CINDERELLA SELLING HURDLE
(£1,769: 2m) (10)

1 6 BALLYSPARKLE 27 J Eyre 11-2 A Mulholland –
2 50 BARSAL 18F J Parkes 11-2 A Dobbin –
3 4 BEND SABLE 12 F Storey 11-2 B Storey ●
4 0555 MONASTIC FLIGHT 22 (V) B Rothwell 11-2 G Cahill (7) 74
5 0325 PEEDIE PEAT 29 J J O'Neill 11-2 M Dwyer 90
6 00 RAVENSPUR 16F (B) J Parkes 11-2 N Smith –
7 0 SKY WISH 66 Mrs V Aconley 11-2 T Reed –
8 SUPREME SOVIET 162F J Haldane 11-2 J Supple (5) –
9 00 DIXIE HIGHWAY 31 Mrs E Slack 10-11 M Moloney –
10 P00 RYTHMIC RYMER 22 J Jefferson 10-11 P Williams (5) –

7-4 Bend Sable, 3-1 Peedie Peat, 6-1 Barsal, 8-1 Monastic Flight, 10-1 Ballysparkle, 12-1 Ravenspur, 16-1 others.

2.50 HANS ANDERSON HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,846: 2m) (9)

1 26-F GOLDEN FREEZE 42 (D,G,S) R Lee 12-12-0 P Niven ●
2 2-FF VAIN PRINCE 57 (B,D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 7-11-11 M Dwyer 96
3 1223 BOSTON ROVER 15 (CD,F,G,S) D Brennan 9-11-9 R Moore (7) 98
4 44-0 KIND'A SMART 98 (CD,F,G,S) K Morgan 9-11-0 A S Smith 90
5 1512 POSITIVE ACTION 16 (CD,BF,F,G,S) M Barnes 8-10-9 A Dobbin 94
6 P4-2 HAPPY BREED 15 (G,S) M H Easterby 11-10-6 L Wyer 97
7 /0-F TRUBLION 3 (D,G,S) Miss S Smith 9-10-5 Richard Guest –
8 53-6 MILITARY HONOUR 43 (B,D,G,S) J Swiers 9-10-0 S Turner 92
9 260- COSMIC RAY 197F (F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 9-10-0 C Grant 87

3-1 Boston Rover, 7-2 Positive Action, 4-1 Happy Breed, 6-1 Golden Freeze, 7-1 Kind'A Smart, 10-1 Vain Prince, 12-1 Cosmic Ray, 16-1 others.

3.20 DICK WHITTINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,499: 2m) (9)

1 3400 REVE DE VALSE 12 (D,G,S) Denys Smith 7-11-11 P Waggott (5) –
2 2422 SRIVIJAYA 59 (D,BF,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-7 P Niven 97
3 6-26 TAPATCH 21 (CD,F,G) G Moore 6-11-7 J Callaghan 96
4 -311 SUPER COIN 28 (D,F,S) R Lee 6-11-3 M Dwyer 92
5 0310 COOL DUDE 26 (CD,BF,G,S) J Johnson 8-10-9 Miss P Jones (5) 95
6 -F26 RATIFY 15 (D,G) K Morgan 7-10-9 A S Smith ●
7 03/ CANDID LAD 78F (F) M Wane 7-10-8 C Dennis –
8 31-0 DORADUS 15 (F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-7 F Leahy (7) 83
9 2-03 INAN 25 R O'Leary 5-10-0 L Wyer 90

5-2 Super Coin, 4-1 Tapatch, 5-1 Srivijaya, 6-1 Ratify, 8-1 Cool Dude, Doradus, 12-1 Inan, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Morgan, 5 winners from 17 runners, 29.4%. Mrs M Reveley, 23 from 86, 26.7%. N Tinkler, 10 from 41, 24.4%. Mrs V Aconley, 6 from 28, 21.4%. Jimmy Fitzgerald, 16 from 77, 20.8%. D Brennan, 4 from 21, 19%.

JOCKEYS: A S Smith, 4 winners from 14 rides, 28.6%. M Dwyer, 23 from 82, 28%. P Niven, 15 from 79, 19%. N Doughty, 10 from 56, 17.9%. D Byrne, 7 from 45, 15.6%. N Bentley, 4 from 26, 15.4%.

☐ Frickley, odds-on for the Camp Novices' Chase at Catterick yesterday, again failed his supporters. The seven-year-old, who unseated Neale Doughty at the first a fortnight ago, made several errors before falling at the eighth.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

1.05 Captain Carat. 1.35 Sea Devil. 2.05 Strip Cartoon. 2.35 Queens Consul. 3.10 Tempering. 3.40 Eurotwist.

GOING: STANDARD SIS

DRAW: 6F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.05 HOGMANAY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,977: 7f) (6 runners)

1 525- SURPRISE GUEST 117 M Johnston 9-7 J Weaver 3
2 620- CAPTAIN CARAT 16 Mrs J Ramsden 9-7 M Wigham 6
3 001- MILOS 14 (D,G) T Naughton 5-6 Paul Eddery 2
4 006- BRITANNIA MILLS 16 M Chapman 8-6 D McCabe (5) 4
5 505- MAZ 5 A Bailey 8-5 A Mackay 5
6 006- MILLY'S PET 16 C Hill 8-1 J Quinn 1

7-4 Milos, 4-1 Captain Carat, 5-1 Maz, Milly's Pet, Surprise Guest, 10-1 Britannia Mills.

1.35 NEW ERA CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,243: 6f) (14)

1 813- SEA DEVIL 5 (CD,BF,F,G,S) M Camacho 8-9-11 L Charnock 7
2 202- DREAM CARRIER 4 (C,F,G) T Barron 6-9-10 Paul Eddery 10
3 300- FARNDALE 127 B Morgan 7-9-5 S D Williams 11
4 440- HAWAYMYSON 30 A Stringer 4-9-4 Dale Gibson 14
5 006- HINARI VIDEO 225 (C,D,G,S) M Johnston 9-9-4 J Weaver 6
6 00- YA MAI 89 M Chapman 4-9-4 D McCabe (5) 5
7 000- MAMADEL 16 S Bowring 4-8-12 G Strange (7) 9
8 000/ MELODIC HABIT 438 (F) Mrs A Knight 7-8-12 S Whitworth 13
9 0/ DOGMA 717 D Chapman 5-8-11 J Fanning 12
10 355- VALIANT MAN 16 (B,BF,S) J Wharton 3-8-7 J Quinn 8
11 IN DEMAND Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-5 M Wigham 3
12 10R- PALACEGATE JO 5 (CD,BF,G,S) J Berry 3-7-13 C Rutter 1
13 00- PREPACE LADY 16 J Eyre 3-7-12 N Carlisle 4
14 300- SWAGGER LADY 16 (B) D Nicholls 3-7-11 A Mackay 2

7-2 Sea Devil, 4-1 Dream Carrier, 5-1 Palacegate Jo, 6-1 In Demand, 10-1 Hinari Video, Swagger Lady, 12-1 Valiant Man, 15-1 others.

2.05 ALEXANDRA MOTORS HANDICAP
(£3,054: 6f) (16)

1 152- KARINSKA 16 (C,D,BF,F,G) M Chapman 4-10-0 D McCabe (5) 3
2 0-4- CROFT IMPERIAL 46 (F,S) M Johnston 7-10-0 J Weaver 7
3 010- COURTING NEWMARKET 52 (D,G) Mrs A Knight 6-9-11 Marie Plowright (7) 16
4 120- SUPERLATIVEMAXIMUS 16 (C,G) J Bennett 6-9-11 T Sprake 14
5 060- GYMCRAK TYCOON 31 (D,F,G,S) G Holmes 5-9-5 Alex Greaves 4
6 500- GIRL NEXT DOOR 54 (CD,G) R Spicer 4-9-4 A Mackay 2
7 002- STRIP CARTOON 5 (V,CD,G,S) S Bowring 6-8-13 G Strange (7) 1
8 060- HOY-LIEGH-RAG 17 J Berry 4-8-10 P Roberts (7) 11
9 406- LANCASTER PILOT 16 J Eyre 4-8-10 J Tate (5) 8
10 003- STORMY HEIGHTS 30 (B,F) J Jenkins 4-8-10 S Whitworth 9
11 002- KALAR 16 (B,C,F,G) D Chapman 5-8-8 J Fanning 10
12 103- SPEEDY CLASSIC 11 (B,D,G) M Heaton-Ellis 5-8-7 Stephen Davies (3) 5
13 003- GRAND TIME 16 (C,BF,F,G,S) C Hill 5-8-6 J Quinn 6
14 026- TAKE IT IN CASH 11 R Dixon 5-8-1 C Rutter 13
15 104- BECKYHANNAH 58 (B,D,S) R Bastiman 4-8-1 L Charnock 15
16 000- MEDLAND 64 (F) D Wilson 4-8-1 Dale Gibson 12

7-1 Croft Imperial, 8-1 Courting Newmarket, Karinska, Strip Cartoon, 10-1 Speedy Classic, Beckyhannah, 12-1 others.

2.35 CAMILLA'S CREW MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,623: 1m 3f) (10)

1 35- CANOVAS HEART 33 Bob Jones 5-9-4 M Wigham 10
2 560- DODDINGTON PLAYER 200 R Hollinshead 4-9-0 W Humphreys (7) 1
3 2- INDIE ROCK 11 P Makin 4-9-0 T Sprake 5
4 200- PREMIER STAR 94 (B) M Dods 4-9-0 S Webster 2
5 443- SHARP SENSATION 18 D Nicholls 4-9-0 Alex Greaves 8
6 5- OLYMPIC WAY 18 W G M Turner 5-8-13 D McCabe (5) 7
7 000- FLASHELLA 60 J Hetherton 4-8-9 N Carlisle 3
8 060- LADY CONFESS 18 Mrs N Macauley 4-8-9 Dale Gibson 4
9 006- MARATHIA 46 S Woods 4-8-9 NON-RUNNER 6
10 032- QUEENS CONSUL 63 B Rothwell 4-8-9 J Quinn 9

9-4 Queens Consul, 11-4 Indie Rock, 5-1 Sharp Sensation, 6-1 Canovas Heart, 8-1 Olympic Way, 10-1 Premier Star, 16-1 others.

3.10 HAIR OF THE DOG APPRENTICES CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,243: 1m 4f) (5)

1 130- TEMPERING 5 (CD,F,G) D Chapman 8-9-9 L Aspell 3
2 124- LE TEMERAIRE 124 (C,D,F,G) N Tinkler 8-9-3 Gaye Harwood 2
3 005- IRISH GROOM 4 (B,G) J Smith 7-8-13 F Savage (5) 4
4 016- SOL ROUGE 10J (CD,BF,G) R Thompson 5-8-8 W Hawksley (5) 5
5 54- PARIS BY NIGHT 341 C Hill 4-8-3 Rebecca Bream (5) 1

4-5 Tempering, 7-2 Paris By Night, 5-1 Sol Rouge, 6-1 Le Temeraire, 12-1 Irish Groom.

3.40 NEW YEAR HANDICAP
(£3,720: 1m 5f) (10)

1 622- VISHNU 17 (F) J Eyre 4-10-0 J Tate (5) 5
2 534- PHARLY DANCER 96 (C,G) W Haigh 5-9-4 S Webster 6
3 163- CASPIAN BELUGA 17 (G,S) Mrs A Knight 6-9-2 Paul Eddery 4
4 622- DASHING FELLOW 14 (C,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 6-9-1 J Quinn 10
5 112- ARCTIC GUEST 16 (C,D,F,G) C Smith 4-9-0 K Rutter (5) 3
6 305- SUGEMAR 16 (C,F,G) M Chapman 8-8-11 D McCabe (5) 2
7 0/0- EL NIDO 72 (BF,F,G,S) M Camacho 6-8-9 L Charnock 1
8 011- ABSALOM'S PILLAR 18 (C,G,S) J Hetherton 4-8-9 N Carlisle 7
9 054- EUROTWIST 18 (BF,G,S) T Barron 5-8-3 J Fanning 8
10 000- ATLANTIC WAY 31 (C,F,G) C Hill 6-8-1 A Mackay 9

5-1 Eurotwist, 6-1 Arctic Guest, Dashing Fellow, 7-1 Pharly Dancer, Vishnu, 10-1 Atlantic Way, Caspian Beluga, 14-1 Sugemar.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Wilson, 6 winners from 27 runners, 22.2%. T Barron, 64 from 302, 21.2%. R Spicer, 12 from 60, 20.0%. A Stringer, 7 from 40, 17.5%. J Hetherton, 7 from 40, 17.5%. J Berry, 34 from 211, 16.1%.

JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 60 winners from 262 rides, 22.9%. J Weaver, 8 from 36, 22.2%. K Rutter, 5 from 38, 13.2%. D McCabe, 9 from 70, 12.9%. Only qualifiers.

Blinkered first time

LINGFIELD PARK: 1.20 Betty Kenwood. 3.25 Chiltern Hundreds. SOUTHWELL: 1.35 Swagger Lady.

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

1.00 Moulton Bull. 1.30 Ottoman Empire. 2.00 Nickle Joe. 2.30 Heathyards Boy. 3.05 Furry Knowe. 3.35 Hyde's Happy Hour.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES)

1.00 HOGMANAY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,634: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

1 3434 MOUNTEBOR 31 (F,G,S) P Haslam 10-11-10 S Taylor
2 141/ MARTIN'S FRIEND 616 (F,S) D Bloomfield 11-11-9 R Greene
3 P0P- ANOTHER STRIPLIGHT 234 (F) R Marvin 11-11-8 W Marston
4 1-P3 MOULTON BULL 15 (F) M H Easterby 8-11-8 A Thornton
5 U34U BATHWICK BOBBIE 5 (B) A Turnell 7-11-3 D Fortt
6 -02U IMPECCABLE TIMING 36 (S) O O'Neill 11-10-13 P Maddock (7)
7 4045 NEWMARKET SAUSAGE 15 (F,G,S) T Kersey 13-10-2 P McLoughlin

9-4 Bathwick Bobbie, 5-2 Moulton Bull, 9-2 Impeccable Timing, 6-1 Mountebor, 8-1 Newmarket Sausage, 16-1 Martin's Friend, 25-1 Another Striplight.

1.30 COME RACING IN 1994 NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,061: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

1 -010 OTTOMAN EMPIRE 22 (D,S) O Brennan 7-12-0 M Brennan
2 0-00 BOLD AMBITION 28 T Kersey 7-11-7 Susan Kersey
3 -PP6 GIVEITAGO 24 (B,B) A Turnell 8-11-7 D Fortt (7)
4 00P- GRANNY'S LAD 269 Mrs S Johnson 7-11-7 W Marston
5 45 MAKES ME GOOSEY 15 Mrs I McKie 6-11-7 L Harvey
6 U ALBERSTAN 14 R Marvin 4-10-8 W Worthington
7 4344 SOLOMAN SPRINGS 32 Mrs V Ward 4-10-8 A Thornton (3)

9-4 Ottoman Empire, 3-1 Giveitago, 4-1 Soloman Springs, 9-2 Makes Me Goosey, 7-1 Bold Ambition, 16-1 Granny's Lad, 20-1 Alberstan.

2.00 AULD LANG SYNE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,434: 2m 5f 110yd) (6)

1 5 BALLYDOUGAN 21 R Mathew 6-11-5 N Mann
2 BUCKS SURPRISE J Mackie 6-11-5 M A Fitzgerald
3 0-60 DONT TELL THE WIFE 18 (D,S) Mrs D Haine 8-11-5 D Bridgwater
4 -852 NICKLE JOE 28 (G) M Tate 8-11-5 W Marston
5 0P-P NO LIGHT 16 (D,G,S) Mrs I McKie 7-11-5 L Harvey
6 -362 STAGE PLAYER 21 (D,F,G) Miss S Wilton 8-11-5 T Eley (5)

13-8 Nickle Joe, 2-1 Dont Tell The Wife, 9-2 Stage Player, 8-1 No Light, 16-1 Bucks Surprise, 25-1 Ballydougan.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs I McKie, 3 winners from 11 runners, 27.3%. Miss H C Knight, 5 from 21, 23.8%. J Mackie, 5 from 37, 13.5%. O Brennan, 6 from 45, 13.3%. K C Bailey, 4 from 30, 13.3%. N Tinkler, 4 from 33, 12.1%.

JOCKEYS: M Brennan, 5 winners from 34 rides, 14.7%. T Eley, 3 from 24, 12.5%. (Only qualifiers)

2.30 GOOD RESOLUTIONS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(4-Y-O: £1,722: 2m) (8)

1 11 SOUTHAMPTON 19 (D,F,S) G Balding 11-10 N Collum (7)
2 341P HEATHYARDS BOY 4 (D,S) R Hollinshead 11-10 S Wynne (3)
3 0501 SHARED GOLD 15 (D,S) J Bosley 10-13 M Bosley
4 4033 COEUR BATTANT 32 (BF) N Tinkler 10-11 E Husband (5)
5 2064 MISTROY 14 M Hammond 10-9 D Bentley (5)
6 U130 CASHABLE 106 (D,F) J Jenkins 10-4 M A Fitzgerald
7 044 NEGD 32 S Kettlewell 10-3 M Brennan
8 045 DANGER BABY 30 R Dickin 10-1 D Meredith (3)

9-4 Southampton, 9-2 Coeur Battant, 5-1 Heathyards Boy, 7-1 Shared Gold, Mistroy, 8-1 Negd, 12-1 Cashable, 16-1 Danger Baby.

3.05 NEW YEAR HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,052: 3m 3f 110yd) (8)

1 54F2 DANDY MINSTREL 5 (F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 10-11-10 D Bridgwater
2 12/ SHRADEN LEADER 610 (G) K Bailey 9-11-4 A Tory
3 P-84 CAROUSEL ROCKET 23 (F,G,S) M Hammond 11-11-3 D Bentley (5)
4 PU42 FURRY KNOWE 17 (F) B De Haan 9-11-2 M A Fitzgerald
5 FP-0 THE FORTIES 32 (F,G) T Bill 9-11-1 A Thornton (3)
6 1443 KINGFISHER BAY 11 (B,F,G) J White 9-10-10 W McFarland
7 -140 UNDER OFFER 17 (B,G,S) J King 13-10-6 Mr C Hancock (7)
8 6653 WOODLANDS GENHIRE 14 (V,F) P Pritchard 9-10-0 W Marston

5-2 Dandy Minstrel, 7-2 Carousel Rocket, 4-1 Furry Knowe, 6-1 Kingfisher Bay, 12-1 Shraden Leader, Under Offer, 14-1 Woodlands Genhire, 16-1 The Forties.

3.35 FIRST FOOTING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,226: 2m) (6)

1 11-1 STRATH ROYAL 21 (CD,F,G,S) O Brennan 8-12-0 M Brennan
2 -513 EASTHORPE 31 (D,BF,G) Miss H Knight 6-10-13 M A Fitzgerald
3 00-6 CELTIC BOB 15 (D,F,G,S) O O'Neill 14-10-5 P Maddock (7)
4 3411 HYDE'S HAPPY HOUR 28 (CD,G,S) N Tinkler 4-10-0 E Husband (5)
5 1244 TAYLORS PRINCE 51 (V,D,BF,F,G) H Collingridge 7-10-0 V Smith
6 04-6 TAURIAN PRINCESS 43 (CD,S) W Clay 5-10-0 Diane Clay

4-5 Hyde's Happy Hour, 3-1 Strath Royal, 6-1 Taylors Prince, 7-1 Easthorpe, 16-1 Celtic Bob, 25-1 Taurian Princess.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Ayr, Cheltenham, Exeter, Leicester, Windsor, Wolverhampton (AW).
TUESDAY: Lingfield Park (AW), Newton Abbot.
WEDNESDAY: Lingfield Park, Sedgefield, Southwell (AW).
THURSDAY: Lingfield Park (AW), Market Rasen, Worcester.
FRIDAY: Edinburgh, Southwell (AW), Towcester.
SATURDAY: Haydock Park, Lingfield Park (AW), Sandown, Warwick, Wolverhampton (AW).
(Flat meetings in bold)

Catterick to inspect

THERE will be a precautionary inspection at Catterick Bridge at 8.30am today in response to a forecast of overnight frost. No problems are reported at this afternoon's other four meetings.

However, two of next week's fixtures are already in doubt. An 11.30am inspection tomorrow is scheduled for Newton Abbot to determine prospects for Tuesday's meeting. The course is waterlogged and, with more rain forecast, officials are not hopeful.

The chances of racing at Worcester next Thursday are "absolutely zero" according to the clerk of the course, Hugo Bevan. "The course is flooded," Bevan said yesterday. "The earliest it can be abandoned is at an inspection at 12 noon on Tuesday."

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Trophy final place acts as spur for Newlove

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

BEING likened to Mal Meninga, still arguably the world's finest player, is just about the highest form of flattery in rugby league. Although only 22, Paul Newlove has been devastating defences in Meninga-esque fashion long enough to claim the comparison as a meaningful one.

His confrontation at centre with the Australia captain is among the most compelling aspects about the series between Great Britain and the world champions next autumn. Until then, Newlove will continue drawing praise for Bradford Northern.

What Castleford have most to fear from Newlove in the televised first semi-final of the Regal Trophy today, was emphasised by their league meeting last month. The tightest of contests was turned on a try which owed everything to his deft hands and rumbling pace over 60 yards.

In the visitors' dug-out, a satisfied glow came over Peter Fox, the Bradford coach, for the player he saw as a 16-year-old for Featherstone Travellers amateurs causing similar havoc to the opposition. "You could see that kind of potential in him," Fox said. "He was lanky and big, a beautiful upright runner, perfectly balanced, and as down-to-earth then as he is now."

At Featherstone Rovers, mostly under Fox, Newlove registered 122 tries in 150 appearances. His 52 in second



Newlove: superb form

division and representative games last season was a record by a centre. The suspicion about him wanting to stay a big fish in a little pond was removed last summer by a £245,000 transfer to Bradford.

Fox wanted his former charge so much so that he put up a guarantee to underwrite the fee. Thirteen tries have been the return to date, but it is the confidence Newlove has spread, as much as his finishing, that has supplied Bradford with the edge they lacked last year.

Fox can appreciate the allusions to Meninga, particularly after Newlove's destruction of New Zealand in the second international last October, but believes a closer comparison is his own brother, Neil, Britain's leading centre from 1959-69, whose strength in riding tackles and nimbleness on his feet were similar qualities.

These were evident on Newlove's emergence as Britain's youngest player at 18 years and 72 days against New Zealand in 1989. The learning curve has been a steep one, and with his conversion from local hero at Featherstone to a bigger stage at Bradford has come the drive and ambition he appeared to lack beforehand.

He has found the change inspirational. His performances against the Kiwis caught the eye of Canterbury-Bankstown officials. A summer in Australia might just apply the final gloss.

This afternoon provides him with the opportunity of an appearance in his first important final. Bradford were 19-12 victors when the sides met in the semi-final last year, and although Castleford were the last side to win at Odsal, in April, that is no reliable guide. Injuries had caught up with Bradford then. At full strength, they appear the only contenders capable of upstaging Wigan.

John Joyner's coaching has introduced more solid defence without compromising Castleford's traditional flair. With 22 tries, St John Ellis is the game's most dangerous attacker at present. The recent meeting with Bradford, however showed a tactical naivety, by sticking to a rigid marking policy of Deryck Fox, when the Bradford scrum half had been moved away from first receiver.

Wigan play at Salford in the other semi-final next Saturday, and will go to The Willows as leaders of the Stones Bitter Championship once more should they repeat their recent win at Warrington tomorrow. Eric Hughes, the new St Helens coach, has a fiery baptism at home to Widnes, made worse by several key absentees.

Se'e Solomona, Oldham's Kiwi prop forward, has become the third English-based player to be recruited by the new Auckland Warriors club, which has already signed the Wigan pair, Andy Platt and Dean Bell.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Davies has little knowledge of basketball tactics but she wants to help secure players' financial future

Basketball union tips off at last

Nicholas Harling talks to a marketing expert whose innovation will help players in one of Britain's poorest sports

Footballers and cricketers have their own unions. Likewise competitors in a host of other sports. But not until this week were Britain's underpaid basketball players able to gain from the security offered by an organisation designed to look after their needs.

The first day of the seventeenth annual World Invitation Club Championships at Crystal Palace was significant for the launch of the Basketball Players' Association. Initiated by Gail Davies, a housewife anxious to stop basketball players in this country enduring a spartan lifestyle exacerbated not only by the recession but by well-meaning club owners who make promises they cannot always keep.

Most of the clubs in the Budweiser League and some in the National League first division have two full-time American professionals. Only a handful of them earn more than £15,000 for a season, which runs from September to April. The rest of the teams are made up of part-time British players.

The more prosperous clubs, such as Birmingham Bullets, Manchester Giants and the champions, Worthing Bears, can afford full-time players but for the second year running, Guildford Kings, England's European championship representatives, have been forced to dispense with theirs, due to financial restrictions as well as unfulfilled potential.

With the help of pensions and disability benefits, the lives of those players should now be more secure. At least, Davies hopes so.

She embarked on her crusade a year ago. For someone who is no basketball fanatic "and doesn't even know a point guard from a power forward", the devotion of this 43-year-old American wife of a City accountant, goes beyond the call of duty. The mother of two sons, she spends 60 to 70 hours a week on her cause — and, to date, about £5,000 of her own money.

The response, however, has been overwhelming with even a sponsor, Swiftcall, confirming its support for players, who are forced to supplement their meagre incomes by addressing numerous clinics at schools and leisure centres. "I'm flat out on this," Davies said. "I even took a call at 3 o'clock the other morning. My husband went mad." So why does she do it?

She could see how the players were being exploited by owners, most of whom are in basketball for the love of the game, making little profit, if any. "The players' interests were not being considered," she said. "No-one had looked towards their long-term benefits. I could see a lot of inequities, not necessarily injustices, but there was a tremendous void."

The notion of a players' union was first discussed a few years ago by two England internationals, Dan Lloyd and Dip Donaldson, when they were nearing the end of their playing careers. It was resurrected again by Martin Henlan, the Guildford and England player, soon after Davies had found out how fragile their situation was. She was employed on the marketing side by Guildford at the time and could see the club heading towards its present perilous position.

"No sooner had Martin said to me 'Why don't you start a players' association?' than my mind was made up," she said. She is as forthright as she sounds but not too proud to praise Lloyd and Donaldson for their help. She also sought advice from many professional bodies in Britain and the equivalent players' association in the United States.

"Now we hope to implement a programme geared towards creating the Michael Jordan of Great Britain," she said, having overcome opposition from the sport's administrators and owners. "They saw this as something negative as I was an unknown factor."

Stories of fly-by-night owners who have come and gone, rarely dipping into their own pockets and leaving players and clubs in the lurch, were legion long before the recession. But for now, for an annual subscription of £28, the players can dip into their own pockets for the privilege of a more secure future.

Honourable mentions to celebrate new year



SIMON BARNES
On Saturday

And so, as ever, this column presents its new year honours list, containing the most coveted of all awards, for which only the truly deserving are eligible.

Promise of the year: Alan Rothenberg, boss of the 1994 World Cup, to be held in the United States: "At first, our coach, Bora Milutinovic, was doubtful. Now he promises us the cup."

Punters of the year: the New Zealand tote accepted bets on a dog race that had already been run. A few people cleaned up, naturally — but there were also 153 *losing* bets.

Transfer of the year: Hutik, of Warsaw, acquired two players from Kiev for a video recorder and a lorry-load of potatoes.

British ski jumper of the year: James Lambert, who defeated Eddie the Eagle, the two at last coming together in competition after years of aquiline dodging.

Culinary advice of the year: "There are no restrictions on players, but we advise them not to eat salads," Keith Fletcher said at the beginning of the England cricket tour to India.

Legal case of the year: Roy Edey, Kent member, attempted to take the TCCB to court over its decision to institute coloured clothing in Sunday league cricket.

Cricket statistic of the year: left-arm bowlers have a lower life expectancy than right-arm bowlers, 63 years against 65.

Football's opportunist of the year: Aleksandr Tatarkine joined Rostov from Spartak Moscow; on the first day of the Russian championship, he broke into the safe, took the loot, and was never seen again.

Aussie Rules result of the year: Woodsdale 447, Mount Pleasant 2. "We got beat, but the boys tried really hard," the manager said.

Footballing injury of the year: Paustino Asprilla, of Parma and Colombia, who suffered lacerations to his legs after kicking the windows of a bus.

England cricket defeat of the year: spoiled for choice, perhaps, but the award goes to the colts of Hunterspierpoint, representing England in a tournament in Europe. They were beaten by Brussels on a pitch on the battlefield of Waterloo.

Media question of the year: an American shot-putter was involved in an accident and was later asked: "What was going through your head at the time?"

"My surgeon answered: 'A javelin'."

Shutting the stable door after the horses have bolted award: Epsom decided to stop their gatemen wearing bowlers for the Derby in June: "No longer appropriate to the modern age." The bowler became unfashionable as racing wear at about teatime on April 3.

Best diagnosis of cricketing ills: from *Der Spiegel*: "Alcoholic controls spoiled the [cricketing] idyll. Fathers feared the incalculable risks on the drive home, and took the bus to the football stadium instead."

Undying Glory Award: Yeovil Town became the first non-League side to have a Subbuteo team made in its colours.

Goalkeeper of the year (and of every year): Rene Higuita, of Colombia, still languishing in jail in Bogotá for allegedly acting as intermediary for the father of a kidnapped girl.

Famine of the year: the one we have all been waiting for, *ÖSK Supportern*, for all fans of Örebro SK, of the Swedish first division.

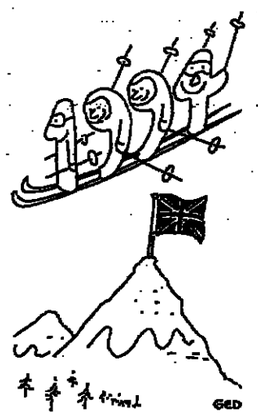
Man who best embodies the values of taste and perception throughout the year award: John McCririck, of *Channel 4 Racing*, for giving his quote-of-the-year award to me, for some generous and charitable remark I had made about Captain Brown.

Cricketer of the year: Hayley Rose, 13, of Isis Middle School in Oxford. Isis became the first team that included a girl to win the Wrigley softball cricket championship.

Physio of the year: Wenceslaso Aguillera, of Iberia, in Chile, who fed his players sleeping pills before a big game.

British ski jumper of the year (runner-up): Ben Freeth, who came to the Lowlanders ski-jumping competition fresh from an attack by a hippopotamus.

Dinner-lady of the year: Stephanie Wilson, flower of Whitby, mother of four, who at 41 made a gallant, unsuccessful bid to swim the Channel, doing rather better than Adrian Moorhouse, who never got beyond the talking stage.



Sponsorship of the year: Trudy Todd's attempt on the world surfing championship was backed by a raffle that offered as first prize a date with the lady of your choice from Club 13, an entertainment establishment.

Cricketer of the year (runner-up): Simon Penny, who turned out for Stogumber against Roadwater in Somerset. Penny, 10, pressed into action at the last minute, was given an over or two out of charity. He took eight wickets. "I was really going for it," he said.

Ugandan ski jumper of the year: Dunstan Odeke, an old friend of this column and still really going for it.

Footballer of the year: Diego Sinhera, 8, now having trials for Napoli. His mother says he is the son of Maradona: Big Diego denies everything. But the boy Sinhera can play.

Disaster of the year: the army's rejection of plans to build a ski jump at Catterick.

Philosopher of the year: Billy Bonds, of West Ham: "It's a funny old game. And it's a great leveller."

Glorious dream of the year: British ski jumping. New plans are afoot to stage an event in this country in the coming year. Go for it, boys.

New Year resolution: this column will make no more jokes about Captain Brown. Well, it will try.

Egyptian power on show

EGYPT'S re-emergence as a power in world squash could be underlined in London this weekend when Ahmed Barada, their 16-year-old national champion, aims to win the under-19 title at the British Open junior championships at Lambs Club (Colin McQuillan writes).

Barada, already ranked among the leading 70 world seniors, dominated the under-16 British Open section in the past two years while his younger compatriot, Ahmed Fayzi, took control of the under-14 age group.

Adam Stevenson, of Yorkshire, looks likely to meet Fayzi in the under-14 final on Wednesday. Barada's closest pursuers will be Paul Hargrave, of Derbyshire, Adam Toes, of Yorkshire, and Chris Tomlinson, of Kent.

Egypt will also challenge for the girls' under-19 title with the squad which appeared from nowhere to beat England for third place in the world junior championships last August again headed by Salma Shabana.

The favourite for the under-19 title is Natalie Grainger, of South Africa; Jenny Trunfield, of Yorkshire, and Donia Leeves, of Sussex, are seeded closest to her. But Shabana is quite capable of increasing Egypt's successes if Maha Zein and May Hegazy, her world championship colleagues, get a chance to shake up the opposition on the way to the finals on Wednesday.

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership

Aston Villa v Blackburn
Everton v West Ham
Ipswich v Liverpool
Man Utd v Leeds (1.0; all ticket)
Newcastle v Man City (all ticket)
QPR v Sheffield Wed
Sheffield Utd v Oldham
Southampton v Norwich
Swindon v Chelsea
Tottenham v Coventry
Wimbledon v Arsenal

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	23	17	5	1	49	20	56
Blackburn	23	12	6	4	31	16	42
Leeds	23	11	8	4	38	26	41
Arsenal	23	11	7	5	27	13	40
Newcastle	23	10	6	7	38	21	36
QPR	23	10	5	7	37	29	35
Norwich	23	9	7	7	34	24	34
Aston Villa	23	9	7	7	34	24	34
Liverpool	23	9	6	7	34	27	33
Shaff Wed	23	7	10	6	42	32	31
Tottenham	23	7	9	7	33	28	30
Ipswich	23	7	9	7	25	28	30
West Ham	23	8	6	9	29	33	30
Wimbledon	23	7	8	8	27	29	29
Coventry	23	6	9	8	23	30	27
Everton	23	7	4	12	23	30	25
Chelsea	23	4	6	11	14	29	18
Oldham	23	4	7	12	18	38	19
Sheff Utd	23	3	9	11	16	36	18
Swindon	23	2	9	12	22	50	15

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Barnsley v Portsmouth
Bolton v Notts County
Grimsby v Bristol City
Leicester v Sunderland
Millwall v Crystal Palace
Notts Forest v Charlton
Oxford Utd v Middlesbrough
Peterborough v Wolverhampton
Southend v Birmingham
Stoke v Derby (all ticket)
Tranmere v Watford
West Brom v Luton

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
C Palace	23	14	4	5	43	24	46
Tranmere	24	12	6	6	35	24	42
Charlton	23	12	5	6	39	20	41
Millwall	24	11	7	6	33	28	40
Leicester	23	10	7	6	38	26	37
Southend	23	11	4	8	38	30	37
Portsmouth	24	9	10	5	31	29	37
Notts For	23	10	7	6	35	27	36
Derby	22	11	3	8	35	35	36
Stoke	23	11	3	9	34	37	36
Bristol C	24	10	6	8	29	29	36
Wolves	23	7	11	5	37	27	32
Bolton	23	7	9	7	28	27	30
Middlsbro	22	7	8	7	30	24	29
Notts Co	22	8	3	11	29	39	27
Sunderland	22	8	3	11	22	31	27
Birmingham	23	7	5	11	24	32	26
Luton	23	7	4	12	27	31	25
WBA	22	6	6	10	33	35	24
Watford	23	6	6	11	32	45	24
Grimsby	22	4	11	7	28	28	23
Barnsley	23	5	6	12	27	41	21
Oxford	23	5	5	13	27	43	20
Peterboro	22	3	8	11	18	30	17

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Ashton v Altrincham; Bamber Bridge v Radcliffe; Caernarfon v Curzon Ashton; Congleton v Guiseley; Eastwood v Warrington; Farsley Celtic v Great Harwood; Harrogate v Netherfield; Lancaster v Mossley; Spennymoor v Workington; Worksop v Goole

Second division

Bournemouth v Plymouth
Bradford v Wrexham
Brighton v Cambridge Utd
Bristol Rovers v Swansea
Burnley v Blackpool
Cardiff v Reading
Exeter v Hull
Fulham v Brentford
Hartlepool v Rotherham
Leyton Orient v Huddersfield
Stockport v Barnet
York v Port Vale

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	21	14	5	2	46	21	47
Plymouth	21	12	4	5	43	23	40
Stockport	21	12	4	5	36	23	40
Port Vale	22	11	6	5	40	25	39
Burnley	22	11	4	7	36	27	37
Brentford	22	10	7	5	29	18	37
Hull	22	10	5	7	38	34	35
Bristol R	20	10	5	5	26	21	35
Blackpool	22	10	3	9	37	30	33
Bradford	23	8	9	6	32	28	33
York	22	9	5	8	31	32	32
Cambridge	22	8	6	8	32	31	30
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Bournmth	20	8	6	6	33	26	30
Wrexham	21	7	6	8	33	26	27
Exeter	21	6	7	8	32	25	25
Cardiff	20	5	9	6	30	33	24
Huddersfield	21	6	6	9	23	28	24
Swansea	21	6	5	10	24	32	23
Rotherham	21	5	6	10	27	36	21
Fulham	22	5	4	13	22	32	19
Brighton	21	4	7	10	18	33	19
Hartlepool	23	4	5	14	19	34	17
Barnet	22	2	4	16	23	50	10

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal v Chelsea; Cambridge United v Southend, Millwall v Fulham; Norwich v Ipswich; QPR v Portsmouth; Watford v West Ham. Second division: Bournemouth v Southampton; Brentford v Colchester; Brighton v Crystal Palace; Luton v Reading; Oxford United v Swindon; Tottenham v Wimbledon.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Ilkeg v Winterton; Denaby v Sheffield; Glasshoughton v Pontefract; Hucknall v Belper; Maltby MW v Ashfield, North Ferriby v Lincoln; Ossett Albion v Ossett Town; Pickering v Liversedge; Stocksbridge PS v Armthorpe Welfare; Thackley v Eccleshill.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Frome v Chippenham; Liskeard v Torrington; Mangotsfield v Paulton.

Third division

Chesterfield v Shrewsbury
Colchester v Chester
Crewe v Doncaster
Darlington v Wigan
Gillingham v Bury
Hereford v Carlisle
Lincoln v Scarborough
Preston v Scunthorpe
Rochdale v Northampton
Torquay v Mansfield
Walsall v Wycombe

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crewe	20	13	4	3	44	28	43
Preston	20	11	4	5	47	24	37
Chester	20	11	3	6	36	22	36
Wycombe	20	9	8	3	35	27	35
Walsall	20	10	5	5	25	17	35
Shrewsbury	20	9	6	5	32	26	33
Bury	20	9	4	7	31	27	31
Scunthorpe	21	8	7	6	28	18	31
Rochdale	19	8	5	6	30	19	29
Torquay	19	8	5	6	30	19	29
Lincoln	20	8	4	7	33	30	28
Colchester	20	6	3	9	37	44	27
Chesterfield	19	6	3	8	28	33	27
Mansfield	20	7	6	7	24	31	27
Doncaster	20	8	2	10	28	31	26
Carlisle	21	6	7	8	28	25	25
Gillingham	20	6	6	8	25	28	24
Hereford	19	5	3	11	28	41	18
Darlington	21	4	6	11	28	36	18
Scarborough	20	5	3	12	21	34	18
Wigan	19	4	4	11	26	36	16
Northampton	20	2	5	13	18	37	11

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Dover v Bromsgrove
Gateshead v Northwich
Halifax v Altrincham
Kettering v Telford
Kidderminster v Bath
Merthyr v Yeovil
Slough v Dag and Red
Stafford v Runcorn
Stalybridge v Macclesfield
Welling v Woking
Witton v Southport

Scottish League

Premier division

Celtic v Rangers
Dundee v Aberdeen P
Hearts v Hibernian P
Kilmarnock v Motherwell
Raith v Partick P
St Johnstone v Dundee Utd P

First division

Airdrie v Hamilton P
Brechin v Dunfermline P
Clyde v Ayr P
Dumbarton v Clydebank
Falkirk v Stirling
St Mirren v Morton

Second division

Berwick v Meadowbank
Fife v Cowdenbeath
East Stirling v Alloa
Forfar v Arbroath P
Queen's Park v Albion
Stenhousemuir v Montrose P
Stranraer v Queen of the South

Northern Premier League

Premier division

Accrington Stanley v Emley
Barrow v Whitley Bay
Boston v Gainsborough
Chorley v Frickley

OTHER MATCHES: Bridlington Town v Bishop Auckland; Colwyn Bay v Morecambe; Fleetwood v Marine; Hyde v Knowsley Utd; Leek v Horwich; Matlock v Buxton; Winsford v Droylsden.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Marlow (11.30); Bromley v Basingstoke; Carshalton v Stevenage Borough; Dorking v Molesey; Enfield v Sutton United; Harrow v Hendon; Hayes v Grays; Hitchin v Chesham; Kingstonian v Yeading; Wealdstone v St Albans; Wokingham v Dulwich. First division: Barking v Wembley; Berkhamsted v Heybridge Swifts; Bishop's Stortford v Uxbridge; Croydon v Billericay; Purfleet v Boreham Wood; Ruislip Manor v Walton and Hersham; Staines v Abingdon Town; Tooting and Mitcham v Maidenhead United; Windsor and Eton v Whyteleafe. Second division: Aveley v Hemel Hempstead; Chertsey v Collier Row; Edgware v Barton; Hampton v Metropolitan Police; Lewes v Rainham; Malden Vale v Saffron Walden; Newbury v Banstead; Thame v Egham; Tilbury v Aldershot Town; Ware v Leatherhead; Witham v Hungerford. Third division: Bracknell v Camberley; East Thurrock v Horsham; Feltham and Hounslow v Southall; Harefield v Oxford City; Hertford v Clapton; Royston v Leighton; Tring v Northwood.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Hednesford; Chelmsford v Crawley; Corby v Atherstone; Dorchester v Bashley; Farnborough v Waterlooville; Gloucester v Cheltenham; Halesowen v Moor Green; Hastings v Sittingbourne; Nuneaton v Cambridge City; Solihull v Gresley; Trowbridge v Worcester. Midland division: Armagh v Tamworth; Bilston v Stourbridge; Clevedon v Yate; Dudley v Bridgnorth; Forest Green v Weston-super-Mare; Grantham v Rushden and Diamonds; Leicester United v King's Lynn; RC Warwick v Hinckley Town; Redditch v Evesham; Sutton Coldfield v Bedworth. VS Rugby v Newport AFC. Southern division: Basingstoke v Sudbury; Bury Town v Baldock; Canterbury v Ashford; Fareham v Havant; Fisher 93 v Erith and Belvedere; Gravesend and Northfleet v Burnham; Poole v Newport, IoW; Salisbury v Weymouth; Tonbridge v Margate; Wealdstone v Buckingham; Witney v Dunstable.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor v Cliftonville; Crusaders v Ballyclare; Distillery v Portadown; Glenavon v Newry; Larne v Glenkeran; Linfield v Ards.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Atherton LR v Newcastle Town; Chadderton v Flixton; Darwen v Rossendale United; Eastwood Hanley v St Helens Town; Salford City v Penrith.

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 2.30 unless stated

Club matches

Basingstoke v Bournemouth
Bath v Richmond C
Berry Hill v Hereford
Birmingham/Solihull v Bronsgrove
Bristol v Clifton
Fylde v Blackburn (2.15)
Harlequins v Blackheath (3.0)
Heriot's FP v Hawick (2.0)
Langholm v Carlisle (2.0)
London Irish v Sudbury C
London Welsh v Bedford (2.15)
Moseley v Gloucester (3.0)
Northampton v Nottingham P
Novocastrians v Newcastle Gosforth
Sheffield v Hull Ionians
Stourbridge v Cheltenham
Wakefield v Leeds
Wimnington Park v Burton

RUGBY LEAGUE

Regal Trophy

Semi-final

Bradford Northern v Castleford (3.0)

Stones Bitter Championship

Second division

Huddersfield v Doncaster (3.30)

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: International cross-country meeting (Beamish, Co Durham).

BASKETBALL: World invitation club tournament (Crystal Palace).

CYCLING: CC Brecklend 10 miles (Wymondham, 10.0); Wrekinsport 10 miles (Hodnet, Shropshire, 10.30); Southborough and District 10 miles (Bethersden, Kent, 10.30); Calbwood CC cycle-cross (Southampton Sports Centre, 2.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

Stones Bitter Championship

Halifax v Leeds
Salford v Leigh
Sheffield v Hull KR (3.15)
St Helens v Widnes
Wakefield v Featherstone (12.0)
Warrington v Wigan

Second division

Bramley v Batley
Carlisle v Whitehaven (2.0)
Dewsbury v Hunslet (3.30)
Highfield v Swinton
Rochdale v London Crusaders
Ryedale York v Keighley (3.15)
Workington v Barrow

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Birkenhead Park v New Brighton (2.0), Exeter v Barnstaple (2.30).

FOOTBALL

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians v Cobh Rambles (3.30); Cork City v Shelbourne (2.15); Drogheda United v Limerick (3.30); Monaghan United v Dundalk (2.15); Shamrock Rovers v Derry City (2.15).

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Millwall v Stanton.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Doncaster v London Towers; Chester v Guildford; Hemel Hempstead v Oldham. National League: Men: First division: Cardiff v Coventry. World invitation club tournament (Crystal Palace).

CYCLING: Leeds Wellington 10 miles (York, 10.0); South Western RC cycle-cross (Addington Hills, Croydon, 12.30); Brighton Wheelers cycle-cross (Rother Valley Country Park, Kilnmarsh, 1.0).

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Controversial Olympian returns unnoticed keen to impress

Motivation of Chinese puts Pieterse back on track

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IF YOU count back the 15 weeks to the beginning of the most intense period of athletics training which Zola Pieterse has undergone, it takes you to the time when the Chinese national games reached their conclusion. This is no coincidence. The former Miss Budd has drawn fresh motivation from the glut of world records which China's women collected in September.

"I do not think I have ever trained so well over such a period," Pieterse said yesterday. Some indication of the good it has done her will be given today when she runs her first cross-country race in Britain since 1988, when she ended her controversial association with her adopted home to return to her native South Africa.

Six years is a long time in the life of an athlete and enough, too, for a face to be forgotten. As Pieterse walked through the arrivals hall at Heathrow yesterday she went unnoticed, and the combination of feeling fit and unharassed brought a glow to her face.

This was not like the old days, when her every move was reported. Nor had she arrived this time as an important person, certainly not as important as the one the *Daily Mail* and the Home Office considered her to be in 1984, when they arranged a quick-fix passport for her to compete for Britain in the Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Yesterday's Zola was Zola the afterthought, Zola the substitute.

The phone call came to her home in Bloemfontein late on Wednesday. "Lynn Jennings has dropped out, will you fill in?" was the plea from the organisers of the County Durham international cross-country meeting.

Pieterse, needing a race, was not going to to decline as a protest against them not wanting her before Jennings fell ill. Durham had even more reason to be relieved at Pieterse's positive response when, the next day, Sonia O'Sullivan, the 1,500 metres world championships silver medal-winner, withdrew injured.

"They already had a race between Lynn and Sonia, so they were not really interested in having me," Pieterse said. "But athletics is a business. If someone else is more in demand than you, that is what business is about." The Durham budget would not stretch to having Jennings, O'Sullivan and Pieterse.

Jennings has won three world cross-country titles, all in the past four years. Pieterse won two while running for England in 1985 and 1986. She thinks she has one more in her; one for South Africa. Perhaps this winter.

A simple reply deals with the enquiry about her chances: "Are the Chinese running?" she says. "I believe I can run better than last season, but it depends on the Chinese." Pieterse was fourth last winter but had not trained as hard as she has been lately.

As each year passes, so Pieterse's desire to rise again seems to increase. She was three years back in South Africa before she showed an interest in returning to serious training. "I had reached a point where I did not miss running at all," she said.

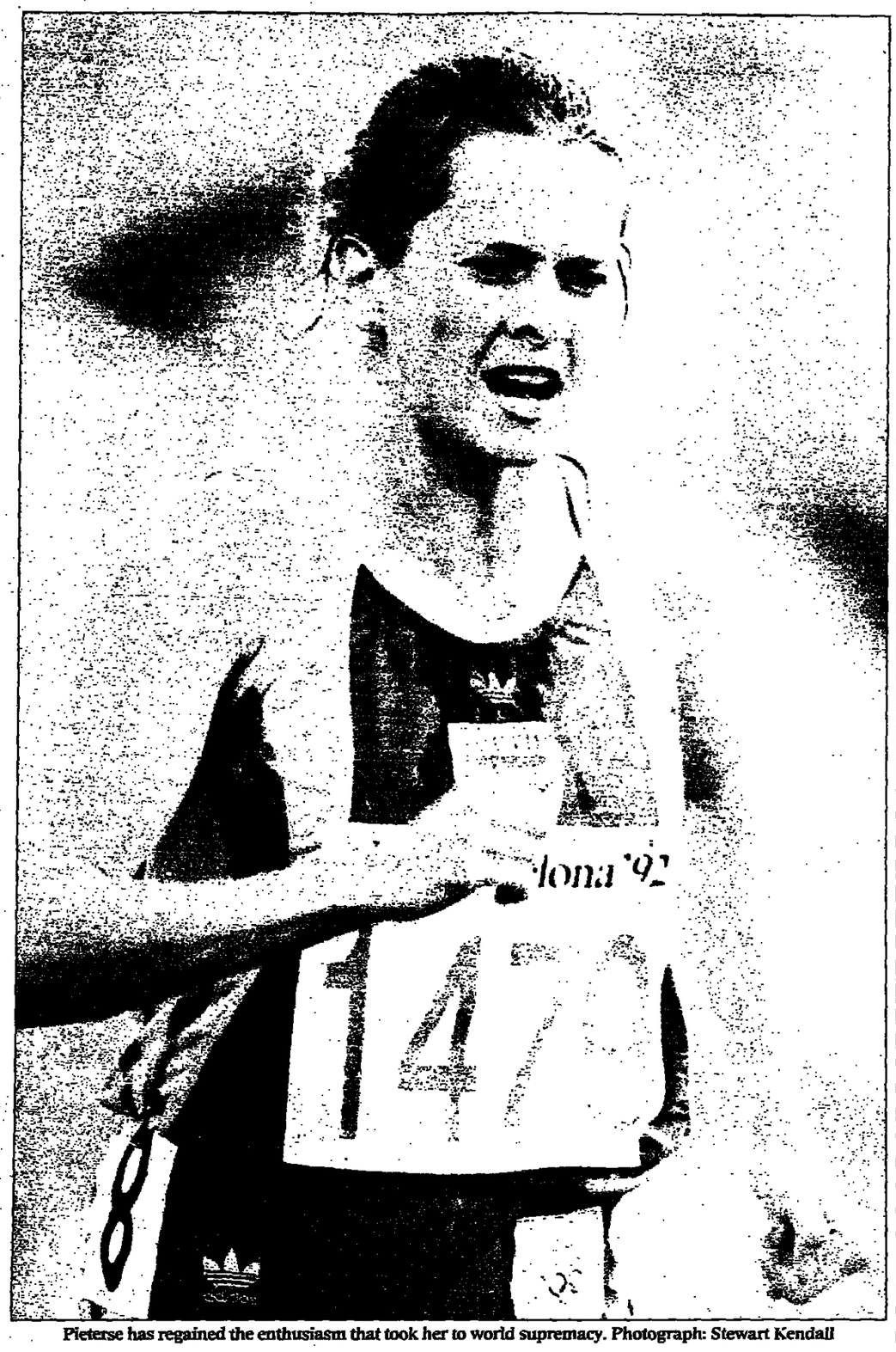
The holder of four British records, Pieterse is determined to do the best she can against the Chinese. "My attitude is to give my best and, if they beat me and I can still run my best times, I will be satisfied." For the past 15 weeks, she has averaged 75 miles a week in training.

The short notice for the race today over 5,000 metres, in which she faces Olga Bondarenko, the 1988 Olympic 10,000 metres champion, and a solid British entry including Alison Wyeth and Paula Radcliffe, makes Pieterse's task hard but not impossible. She was unable to taper her training in time to be fresh.

However, the opportunity of a race was not to be missed. It is two months since her last one and, with the South African trials for the world championships being held on January 22, Durham will help her acquire race sharpness.

Now 27, Pieterse intends to continue until the 1996 Olympic Games. Her trophy cabinet displays reminders of her years in the spotlight: an England cross-country team vest and photographs of the 1984 Olympic Games, when she was involved in the 3,000 metres tumble with Mary Decker.

Pieterse keeps her cabinet as a true record rather than a selective one. "Some of the photographs are of me and Mary," she says. "There are other souvenirs, dolls and stuff... no medal." The aim is to rectify that in Atlanta, which means the Chinese women will occupy her thoughts for some time to come.



Pieterse has regained the enthusiasm that took her to world supremacy. Photograph: Stewart Kendall

Eamonn Martin has set himself the target of having his best world cross-country championship and retaining his London Marathon title in a three-week spell during March and April. Martin, who competes in the County Durham meeting today, said: "Cross country is a good background to any kind of running. The London Marathon is more important but I am keen to go all out for the world cross country also." Martin has a formidable task today with Haile Gebreselasie, the 10,000 metres world champion from Ethiopia, in the field.

Robinson likely to provide bulk on Ireland flank

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHILE Ireland's rugby union selectors are not expected to mirror Wales in making wholesale changes to their five nations' championship side, they will study the trial at Lansdowne Road tomorrow with care. The team to play France in Paris on January 15 will be named later and the composition of the back-five forwards remains in doubt.

From the team that finished last season in a blaze of glory and then beat Romania in November, Denis McBride and his potential replacement, Pat O'Hara, are already ruled out of the match in Paris with damaged knee ligaments. So a vacancy exists at open-side flanker which may be filled by the lanky Brian Robinson.

Robinson's 19 caps have come mostly at No 8, but the vogue is to go for as much height as possible in the back row, so the 6ft 4in Robinson plays in the Whites, the senior side, tomorrow, alongside the uncapped Chris Pim, of Old Wesley, and Noel Mannion, the Lansdowne No 8, who has played only one international in the past two years.

A clutch of injuries has affected the trial teams but has not removed Peter Clohessy from tight-head prop in the Whites. Clohessy was severely trampled during the A international with Scotland in Ayr on Tuesday but passed a fitness test on his back yesterday. Having served a ten-week suspension himself for stamping during the autumn, Clohessy is regarded as an automatic selection against France.

Would that the same were true for the athletic Neil Francis, the perennial enigma of the Irish second row. He has damaged a rib cartilage and will miss the trial, David Tweed moving across from the Blues, who now field John Etheridge, once of Northampton.

The Irish Rugby Football Union has proposed to Scotland that future A internationals be moved from the traditional Christmas date and linked with the five nations' championship weekend.

Their international referees panel has also been confirmed: Alan Lewis (Leinster) and David McHugh (Munster) join Owen Doyle, Stephen Hilditch and Brian Stirling.

Melrose are not in the best of moods going into the new year. They spent last summer wondering whether Craig Chalmers, the Scotland stand-off half, might be lured south and now the rumours have started again, linking Chalmers with Bristol.

"He has no intention of leaving," Stuart Henderson, the Melrose secretary, said yesterday, "and we wish the English clubs would leave him alone. They keep calling him and if it goes any further, we may consider taking action."

The thin state of the New Year's day fixture programme indicates that English clubs have little better to do than perch on the telephone. At least Gloucester field their strongest available team for the traditional match with Moseley at the Reddings and welcome back Simon Morris, the divisional wing, after nearly four months away with damaged ankle ligaments.

Bruce Fenley, their scrum half, returns to his former club but Moseley have not selected Mike Teague, their former Gloucester No 8, who is resting a bruised shoulder.

England students open against Irish

BY DAVID HANDS

ENGLAND'S leading student rugby players begin the representative year at Bisham Abbey tomorrow, though their programme has been curtailed by the loss of the fixture with Scottish Students. The Scots, beaten 71-20 last season, are concentrating on their under-21 and universities sides and have withdrawn from the proposed student international on February 4.

England will open, therefore, against the Irish at Bournemouth on February 18 before going on to student internationals against France in Dunkirk on March 4 and Wales in Oxford on March 18. The five Oxford students named in the original 52-strong squad for Bisham will all hope for an appearance at Iffley Road against the Welsh, though first they will have to win a place in the squad weekend arranged for Lensbury on January 29 to 30.

Two Cambridge students, Phil Callow and Alistair Meadows, have withdrawn with injuries and three others, Darren O'Leary and Anthony Diprose, both of West London Institute, and Richard West, of Gloucester College, are required for the divisional championship decider at Twickenham on Monday. But there will be plenty of raw material for the new coaching team of Ian Smith and John Horton.

"We are trying to build on the work done by Les Cusworth and Derek Nutt over the last three years," Pat Briggs, the team manager, said. "We want to give the players a taste of what the representative game is like and the opportunity to play some enterprising rugby."

That opportunity should be enhanced for Jonathan Sleightholme, the England under-21 wing playing for Wakefield, who is likely to be available for Bath next season if he takes up the offer of a course at Bath University.

☐ Sale, of the Courage Clubs Championship second division, have announced plans to sell their Heywood Road ground for housing development. They are seeking a move either to their alternative base at Woodbourne Road, or the building of a purpose-built facility as part of a possible merger with their neighbours, Broughton Park.

Boyse helps South East retain title

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

SOUTH EAST won the under-18 divisional hockey title for the third successive year after it slipped from East's grasp in a remarkable change of fortune at Coventry School yesterday.

East began their last match against North West needing a draw to take the title, but North West attacked more vigorously in the first half and Stuart Humphries delivered a knock-out blow at the start of the second half.

East attacked strongly towards the end, but the North West goalkeeper, Tom Margham, held out well under pressure.

Alistair Boyse, who recently joined East Grinstead from Lewes, played a big part in the 2-1 wins gained by South East over East and Midlands.

He scored the only goal of the first half against East. Richard Stamp equalised from a short corner before Danny Poulsen scored the winner for South East.

In the game against Midlands, Boyse scored a goal in each half before Mark Sully brought Midlands back into the game with a well-taken goal, leaving South East clinging to their advantage.

In an equally exciting contest for the under-16 title, Midlands pipped South West on goal difference after both had scored 14 points.

South West, who had a one-point advantage over Midlands at the start of the day, were held to a 1-1 draw by North West who deprived them of victory when Kamal Bal broke free to score.

Midlands, seeking victory over North West later in the day, finally won when Luke Wardell scored the only goal of the match on the follow-up from a short corner late in the second half.

Players lured into senior service



John Goodbody on the golden oldies whose careers are extended by the challenge of international competition and the ever-increasing rewards for sporting success

Old professional sportsmen and women do not fade away; instead, they join the flourishing and lucratively rewarding circuits for seniors and veterans, who still hanker for the challenge of competitive international sport.

Some, the elite few, remain in open competition with youngsters. Lester Piggott, 58, seemingly rides forever while George Foreman, 45, is mocking the description of an ageing boxer's decline: "First your reflexes go, then your legs go, then your friends go."

However, many of their contemporaries are revelling in meeting old rivals in new events, while maintaining or increasing their earning power. The senior professional circuits of golf and tennis are expanding, while road running for veterans is surviving the recession and is solidly established in the athletics calendar.

Tony Jacklin's decision to play on the seniors golf tour is an indication of its status. Lee Trevino, Jacklin's rival during his Open championship winning heyday, says: "Why should you want to struggle and lose against the flat bellies when you can have fun and win among the round bellies?"

In the United States, the seniors tour had two tournaments in 1981, five in 1982 and then escalated in 1983, when Arnold Palmer started playing. By 1986, Bob Charles, of New Zealand, the winner of the 1963 Open, was able to earn £355,000 in his first season, more than the whole of his previous competitive career.

Europe followed the American example. Last year, there were 11 tournaments with total prize-money of £750,000. This year, there could be 13. Although a PGA seniors championship was established as long ago as 1957, it has only been since enough former players have turned 50 that the European tour could be established.

Tony Gray, who was managing director of the PGA European Seniors Tour until last month, says that one reason for its success is that the pro-am format is so attractive.

"The professionals are readily approachable, well-remembered and give advice


Connors: nice feeling

to the amateur players. They also socialise with amateurs, attending the gala dinners and so on."

However, the edge of competition is always there. Gray says: "When you get 100 tournament golfers together, the social side does sometimes go out of the window." Trevino believes that the money just adds the "mustard" to the competition.

He said: "When Arnold Palmer started playing again, he did not need the money. The same was true of Gary Player. They just wanted the competition."

So do the tennis players, where the ATP senior tour has two age-group events, 35 to 45, and 45 to 55. It began in 1991 in North America. In 1993 there were seven tournaments in Europe, each offering prize-money worth £75,000 in total.

This year, there will be up to 11, including one planned the week before Wimbledon, entitled The Hurlingham Seniors, in which players such as Rod Laver, Ilie Nastase, Ken Rosewall, Roger Taylor, Vitas Gerulaitis and John Newcombe are expected to play.

Jim McManus, the director, says that the ATP senior tour is filling a need. "Tennis interest has grown but there are the physical limitations on the expansion. The regular circuit cannot go everywhere, and the senior tour is now becoming more acceptable to sponsors.

"Senior players can play doubles, without the wear-and-tear on the body that occurs from daily singles. Spectators enjoy the nostalgia and watching entertaining competition between personalities."

Jimmy Connors, the American tennis player who at 39 reached the semi-final of the 1991 US Open, has revelled in senior tournaments. He says: "On the senior tour, I have been playing with all the guys with whom I grew up. The whole idea of still competing and then being able to sit down and relax with my buddies is a nice feeling."

Peter Worth, of the Quintus Group, which is organising the Hurlingham tournament, believes that the success of senior events comes from the absence of characters like Connors from the leading professional tournaments.

"The top players are not living up to their predecessors in terms of charisma," he said. "Apart from someone like Agassi, where are the characters now? People watching the senior tour see well-known personalities


Trevino: competitive

who still play well and entertain — and entertainment is partly what sport is all about."

Even in road running, the public revel in seeing famous names from the past locked in competition. This has been recognised by the Nutra-Sweet London Marathon, which for the past two years has given cash prizes to the leading veterans.

However, as Martin Duff, who writes on veteran events for *Athletics Weekly*, says: "Generally, in Britain, we run for glory. In the United States, there is more money but only about half-a-dozen veterans can make a full-time living from the sport, since sponsorship at present is less easy to obtain."

Nick Rose, the 1977 winner of the Europa Cup 5,000 metres for Britain, has been racing regularly in the United States since he became eligible at the age of 40 in 1991. "It is not a good way of earning money," he said. "However, it is hard to find a job these days."

Last year, when he suffered a back injury, Rose earned only £7,000 in prize-money, although the highest paid runner in the United States, Pierre Levisse, received £25,000, apart from money from endorsements.

"There is always someone new qualifying for the veterans' class. But even if I am running against younger men, I love the competition. I would not do it if I did not like it," Rose added.

Nor would Priscilla Welch, who represented Britain at the 1984 Olympics and who has been living in the United States since 1985. Despite suffering from cancer of the left breast, which she had to have removed a year ago, she has returning to road running.

Over the past ten years, she has become a celebrated figure, earning in good years what she terms a "reasonable living". However, she says: "Compared to tennis and golf we are the poor relations. But hopefully as we come out of the recession things will improve."

Asked if she would be racing again in Britain in 1994, probably her last year in competitive athletics, she replied with the fire that never leaves a high achiever in sport: "Wait until I am fit and well and I will be smoking the roads over there."

Hawick face tough test from Heriot's

BY ALAN LORIMER

TRADITIONALLY, New Year's day in Scotland is a time for recovery from the hogmanay revelling of the previous night, but one rugby fixture at least has always bucked the trend of total inactivity.

Although the annual New Year's day Hawick v Heriot's FP match has little to do with the realities of league rugby, this traditional "friendly" game between two of the oldest clubs in Scotland nevertheless provides a useful pointer to their form as the second part of the season commences.

The game had been scheduled for Mansfield Park but the Hawick pitch is too frosty to play on. The game has been switched to Goldenacre, in Edinburgh, but Heriot's will have a pitch inspection this morning.

Heriot's will be without Ken Milne and Andy Macdonald, rested for the international trial at Murrayfield on Monday. Also missing is Gordon Lawrie, the stand-off, who will take part in the first under-21 trial.

Lawrie's place at stand-off goes to Campbell Aitken, who played for Lothian Schools last season, and Kevin Whitaker, a former Hawick player, continues at scrum half in the absence of Mike Allingham, who is still injured. Heriot's have also included Steve Clark, who has had an excellent season in the Edinburgh under-21 team.

For Heriot's, the game today will be a crucial warm-up for their vital league match next Saturday against Melrose at Goldenacre, a meeting that could determine which club will win the McEwan's championship.

By contrast, Hawick's thoughts will be concentrated on self-preservation after an inauspicious start to the season. Today, they will be without Tony Stanger but that will give an opportunity for Keith Suddon, a much underrated wing, to assume a higher profile.

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Saturday portrait: Gordon Strachan, by Andrew Longmore

Peter Pan of football still hard at work on fairy-tale career

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On the grounds that nobody likes their mistakes to be paraded in front of them, it is safe to assume that Alex Ferguson will endure another uncomfortable 90 minutes at Old Trafford this afternoon. Not that Manchester United, 15 points clear of third-placed Leeds at the top of the FA Carling Premiership table, have any need to fear the visit of their most persistent rivals; it is just that the sight of the elfin-like figure on the right side of the opposition's midfield will be a ghostly reminder of bad deals past.

To put it another way, imagine Gordon Strachan fetching, carrying, scurrying and harrying in Manchester United's present midfield. Perhaps Strachan, who has been criticised for too often running 40 yards with the ball only to pass it 10, would not suit the more fluid style of the champions. Then again, perhaps he would. That nagging thought would be worth every penny of the paltry £300,000 Ferguson received for trading Strachan across the Pennines four years ago. Greater faith might have saved him the £3.75-million fee for Roy Keane as well.

But Ferguson, of all people, forgot that the tenacity with which Strachan had overcome suspicion of his size — he is 5ft 6in and weighs just over ten stone — early in his career could be used to equal effect in combating advancing middle age many years later. He should have known better than anyone that behind the quirks and the fads, the diet of porridge, seaweed and bananas, the ritual of the afternoon sleep (inherited from Kenny Dalglish) lay a dedicated professional, a perfectionist, ready to try anything and sacrifice much to prolong his footballing career.

At Aberdeen, Ferguson not only watched Strachan develop from raw youth into the symbol of a side that mocked the traditional order of Scottish football, but found that a sharp tongue came with the agile brain and the nimble feet. Even in the face of a temper as fearsome as Ferguson's, Strachan stood his ground, showing a strength of character which would surely have been an asset to the manager in those early, long-forgotten days of failure at Old Trafford.

Instead, legend has it that Ferguson greeted Strachan with the immortal words "Hello, ugly" when he came to Manchester in 1986 and the little Scotsman's face did not seem to fit into his old boss's big picture. Only 18 months later, Strachan was on his way to Leeds, who were languishing in the second division at the time. The feeling of rejection prompted what Strachan has called subsequently a "crisis of faith" in his own ability, "something that had plagued me through the years".

That glimpse of self-doubt is telling because it suggests that a far more complex and vulnerable character lies behind the effervescent, irrepressible, wise-cracking image conjured up by team-mates. Strachan may always be first with the one-liners, irritatingly so sometimes, and may play with the cockiness of a street urchin, but the manner should not be mistaken for arrogance, complacency or casualness.

> 'Things have got to be done properly or not at all. He has no idea how to go at half pace'

During a period of despair at Aberdeen, when his relationship with Ferguson was at its lowest point, he was persuaded to sign for the German club, Cologne, until Ron Atkinson came to the rescue and took him to Manchester United. The retraction and the recriminations did little for the reputation of Strachan, one of the game's more honest citizens.

Yet his commitment to his profession has been unswerving to the point of fanaticism. He has been known to walk off in disgust if training is not taken seriously enough and, even now, when he can display championship medals from both sides of the border, 50 Scottish international caps and a European Cup Winners' Cup medal from 1983, he has not forgotten his upbringing on the rougher side of Edinburgh.

"He is a bubbly character, full of humour and fun," Andy Roxburgh, the former Scotland coach, said. "But there's another side to Gordon too. In a footballing context, he cannot stand fools. People don't mess him around. Things have got to be done properly or not at all. He trains flat out, he does everything flat out. He has no idea how to go half pace." Nor does he presume that the game owes him a living. When once asked what he thought he might be doing at the age of 35, he replied: "Maybe I will be at Arbroath earning £30 a week and getting all the kippers I could eat. That was about all I could imagine."

Reality has provided so much more. A big house in the village of Scarcroft in Yorkshire, where he lives with his wife, Lesley, and his three children, a hefty salary, a respected place in the local community and a host of admirers in the wider world of football. Even the man himself admits it is all a "bit corny".

On the field, Strachan has never developed into the next Billy Bremner promised by a headline in the local paper during his days with Dundee in the mid-Seventies. With his red hair, inflammable temper and impish style, the comparison was inevitable but, except, perhaps, in his persistent ear-bashing of referees, Strachan has not shown the physical presence of his more combative predecessor at Elland Road.

Strachan has a winger's style and a warhorse's workrate. He paints in short rather than sweeping strokes, attends to detail, tidies and cleans. He scores his share of goals, but is more a provider. He will not shirk a tackle, but does not relish one either, unlike Bremner or his team-mate, Johnny Giles, in the Revie days, preferring to raid from his favoured right touchline. In the Scotland side, more often than not, he had Graeme Souness to do his dirty work for him and the confines of his role perhaps limited his effectiveness at international level.

"He's not a physical player," Lee Chapman, a fellow member of the 1991-2 championship winning side, said. "He will shy away from certain players, but he's courageous in a different way. He will always accept the ball in difficult situations when others might not want it. He will always be available for you." Chapman, now at West Ham, believes that Strachan played better during his first two full seasons at Leeds than he did during the championship year, when he was hampered by a sciatic nerve injury. Persistent pain, though, did not dull his enthusiasm or his influence. "He's the one player who will always be looking to win a game," Chapman added. "When things aren't going well, he's the one trying to do something about it and that has a great effect on the rest of the side."

It has been preordained that, when age does finally control him, Strachan will become a manager, maybe the next manager of Leeds, if Howard Wilkinson gets the England job. He has already gained his coaching qualification in Scotland and Roxburgh, for one, has no doubt he will make a success of management as well. "He is the identikit manager-coach of the future. Very knowledgeable, good at dealing with other players and very passionate about the way the game is taught. He's got so much to offer."

If the day ever comes. Strachan is 37 next month and shows no sign of slowing down. "I don't think of Gordon as 'old'," Roxburgh said. "To me, he is football's answer to Peter Pan."

Foreign body can boost Chelsea's health

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent



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IF CHELSEA are to turn their season around, it may take a foreign element that was there even before Glenn Hoddle arrived. For on Tuesday, two saves from Dmitri Kharine, one in each half, to deny Andy Cole, the prolific Newcastle United marksman, brought Chelsea their first win in 12 games.

Kharine is enough of a student of English to read Cole. He was quick enough, agile enough, brave enough to thwart him one against one. Each action showed Kharine's class as these two lean athletes, creatures of impulse, faced one another.

But it was Kharine, the Muscovite in a black tracksuit, who imposed his will. In the first half he pounced to cradle the ball at Cole's feet; in the second he reacted with astonishing reflexes to block the ball with his legs.

The goalkeeper knows he was fortunate. Seldom can Cole be diverted from his predatory path, and Kharine gambled and won to such effect that Newcastle failed to score for the first time since August. But this goalkeeper counts his luck in more profound ways. Tuesday was the first time he was able to experience something Englishmen take for granted — his mother and father were able to applaud him from the stand.

They are over for Christmas and the new year. Their son's house is bigger than anything they know in Moscow, a big, inviting home of comfort for Dmitri, his wife, Lilla, and their son, Igor.

Gywn Williams, the youth coach, has helped their acclimatisation. "Dmitri could survive by using the universal language of football, but the rest of the family has to integrate with society," he said.

After almost a year, with the English language flowing more freely from Mrs Kharine, and the boy ensconced in a London school, the initial threshold has been crossed. There is no secret to the lure of the West. The salary Kharine draws at Chelsea is more than 400 times that he could command at CSKA, the former Red Army team in Moscow.

Kharine is an extraordinary young goalkeeper. That much we knew in 1992 when his agility, his timing and daring, kept out Dennis Bergkamp and Marco van Basten during the European championships. And he was ready to move there and then, a 23-year-old goalkeeper we thought the best in Russia since Lev Yashin more than 20 years ago, but a solitary, slightly bemused figure in a luxury hotel in Gothenburg the night his agent tried to negotiate his transfer to the West.

Chelsea finally became the takers, once the laborious process of obtaining a work permit was complete. His task at Chelsea was to see off the other contenders for the jersey, Dave Beasant and Kevin Hitchcock, and also get used to the differing demands of changing managers.

Some critics, inside and outside the club, considered him rash and unpredictable. Hardly surprising given the inner turmoil he must have experienced about the situation in Russia.

Other sportsmen who have made fortunes abroad have talked this week of the Russian mafia, the gangsters exploiting the breakdown in law and order that has come in the wake of the dissolution of the Soviet empire. Ice hockey players in America now reveal how their families left behind are abused and threatened so that the players can be made to part with some of their money.

Alexei Kasatonov, one of the hockey players, said: "It is extortion, we all try to resist it, but everyone knows that the police can do nothing."

So the pressures on Kharine are greater even than the peripatetic goalkeepers of our league can guess. He comes to the West, to a volatile club like Chelsea, one whose manager, Hoddle, has used various systems and ten players in defensive positions in front of him in half a season.

Kharine obviously avoids the extremes experienced by former Soviet internationals scattered around the Continent: Igor Belanov, the 1986 World Cup star, ended up in a German prison, accused with his wife of shoplifting, and Alexandr Mostovoi had to enter a marriage of convenience to acquire Portuguese citizenship to join Benfica.



Kharine: lucky gambler

But the entry to British football, for Kharine and for the likes of Andrej Kanchelkis at Manchester United, was paved four years ago this week by Sergei Baltacha, a perceptive Ukrainian defender, who came to Ipswich Town.

Baltacha, an elegant and intelligent man, was never used to the full in England. And yet he tried. He has stayed beyond his apparent failure in East Anglia, and is now converting with apparent success to the art of communication in a third language, Scottish. He is manager of Inverness Caledonian, a Highland club intending to go full time next season.

If Kharine's conversion is anything like as lasting, if Chelsea survive their minor struggles, then another breakdown in what once was the barrier in our cultures, is at hand. To young Russians a place in the spotlight, a credit card and freedom to ply their talents in the commercial world is just as attractive as it is to the rest of us.

Celtic must show they can land knockout punch

By Kevin McCarra

VICTORY in this afternoon's Old Firm game would enable Celtic to draw level with Rangers on points with a game in hand. After four lugubrious seasons, the very idea of being in title contention is liable to make the Celtic support giddy.

Rangers are troubled. Some think they ought to be arriving at Parkhead in a fleet of ambulances rather than the team bus. The injury list is as long as an electoral roll. Walter Smith, the manager, refuses to lament, for he knows that many people in Scottish football would only smirk at Rangers' difficulties. In buying so many big names the Ibrox club traded their right to sympathy long ago.

For this team, even depletion, has a plush look. Smith is scarcely reduced to fielding trialists and the side should be enhanced today by the return of Gough.

When this manager is reduced to rummaging for players he is still likely to come up with internationals. Against Heart of Midlothian on Monday both of the side's Ukrainians, Mikhailichenko and Kuznetsov, were selected.

At a Rangers annual meeting a couple of years ago, Smith drily remarked that Mikhailichenko "showed great economy of movement." The midfield player has often been reduced to complete immobility since, with the manager leaving him to sit on the bench. It appears that the player cannot be trusted with the drudgery of marking and back-tracking.

Nonetheless, Mikhailichenko is extravagantly skilled. His involvement in the play is sparing but he is always likely to deliver a left-footed pass which turns out to be the one memorable moment of the match. He constitutes a puzzle for the opposition, who must gauge how much attention to devote to a man who can appear uninterested.

The erratic form may exasperate Smith but the composition of the side intrigues bystanders. The re-emergence of Kuznetsov had not been expected. While playing for Russia in the late 1980s he was one of international football's great performers but the defender suffered a serious knee injury in only his second match for Rangers after signing in 1990.

His career in Scotland then evaporated. In some respects, whether physical or mental, his recovery has never been completed. When Rangers do use him nowadays it is as a central midfield player and from that position he delivered an ideal pass to make their second goal in the 2-2 draw against Hearts.

Lou Macari's side cannot be entirely confident about its own effectiveness. Celtic are hampered by the lack of a forceful striker and McGinlay, a midfield player, is the club's top scorer with nine goals. Celtic have lost just once in their past 14 league matches but have scored only 18 goals in that period.

Since being appointed as manager in October, Macari has restored hardiness but his team can almost appear reluctant to put the opposition away. With Rangers' guard down, Celtic must now prove they can land a punch.



Kuznetsov: enigma

☐ Dick Donald, the elder statesman of Scottish football and the visionary chairman of Aberdeen, died yesterday after a long illness. Donald, 82, turned Pittodrie into Britain's first all-seated and all-covered stadium and under him, Aberdeen enjoyed their most successful period.

United equipped to make indelible mark

Keith Pike reflects on a year of exceptional achievement by a team that is threatening to rewrite the record books

They saw out 1993 at Old Trafford last night as the outstanding football team of the year. This morning, as they prepare to welcome Leeds United to the outstanding stadium in England, Manchester United stand poised to make an indelible mark on the record books of the national game.

When they achieved their century of points in a calendar year by blasting Oldham Athletic's defence to pieces on Wednesday, United merely confirmed what the rest of the country already knew — that the champions, at anything like full throttle, are untouchable.

United romped to 102 points in 43 league games in 1993, scoring 86 goals, and if the three teams promoted last season are ignored, managed 26 more points and 15 more goals than any of their rivals in the FA Carling Premiership in the same period, Blackburn Rovers (76 points from 42 games) and Tottenham Hotspur (71 goals in 43 games) finishing a distant second in each category. Only Arsenal conceded fewer goals.

United, though, are more than simply a statistician's delight. In Schmeichel they have a goalkeeper rated by some as the best in Europe and, with his powerful and precise throws, a player who can create as well as frustrate. Their back four, to a man, are comfortable in possession as well as remorseless in the challenge; their midfield bristles with competitiveness as well as invention; in attack, they can be breathtaking. In 19 Premiership matches during the next four months, United can convert their supremacy into football folklore.

Since Preston North End won the first two championships in 1889 and 1890, only 13 teams from seven clubs — including United themselves in 1956 and 1957 — have won successive titles, but should the Premiership trophy remain at Old Trafford, Eric Cantona will have secured championship medals in four consecutive seasons, after his triumphs with Marseilles (1991), Leeds (1992) and Manchester United last May.

United start 1994 with a 14-point lead over Blackburn, and should that gap be maintained until the end of the season it would easily surpass the record for the biggest winning margin, which stands at 11 points and is shared by Preston (1889), Sunderland (1893), Aston Villa (1897), Manchester United (1956) and Liverpool (1983).

It does not end there. With 57 points still available to them, United need another 35 to break the record for the number of points gained in a season in the top division, which stands at 90 and is shared by Everton (from 42 games in 1985) and Liverpool (from 40 in 1988). Fifteen wins would also eclipse Tottenham's record of 31 victories in a season.

Whether United can become the first champions to score 100 goals since Tottenham in that same 1961 season is less likely. They are scoring at a rate of 2.13 per game, but to get another 51 in 19 matches would require an increase to 2.68.

It is, perhaps, the number of potential match-winners in their ranks that gives United their greatest advantage. Hughes, their Wales striker, is unlikely to have recovered from a heel injury in time to face Leeds, but Giggs is more than capable of providing a foil for Cantona in attack. Sharpe and Ince have been scoring regularly, and the defenders, Irwin, Pallister and Bruce, have all scored when the regular sources have dried up.

The same cannot be said of their rivals. Leeds, for example, have been reliant on Rod Wallace for goals, and the hamstring injury that prevents him playing today robs them of their main cutting edge. At Highbury, Ewood Park and St James' Park, the dependancy on one albeit outstanding individual is even more acute. Nobody will dispute that Ian Wright (78 goals in 110 games for Arsenal), Alan Shearer (41 in 44 for Blackburn) and Andy Cole (37 in 35 for Newcastle United) are lethal finishers, but when they are not firing, who is there to share the goalscoring burden?

History might suggest that United can still be caught: common sense says they will not, and yesterday Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, was unequivocal in his assessment of Alex Ferguson.

"He must be the best manager in the business at present," Wilkinson said. "He will soon be in line to be recognised among the best in post-war football. In the past three years United have won the FA Cup, the European Cup-Winners' Cup and the League Cup, as well as finishing first and second in the league. That's a fair platform to work from."

TABLE OF THE YEAR

Premiership clubs: present positions in brackets

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man Utd (1)	43	31	9	3	86	34	102
2 Blackburn (2)	42	22	10	10	65	44	76
3 Aston Villa (5)	42	20	10	12	51	40	70
4 Leeds (3)	43	17	16	10	62	51	67
5 QPR (6)	43	18	12	13	70	59	66
6 Arsenal (4)	43	17	14	12	44	29	65
7 Norwich (7)	41	18	11	12	61	55	65
8 Sheff Wed (10)	43	16	15	12	70	54	63
9 Liverpool (9)	43	17	12	14	61	49	63
10 Wimbledon (14)	42	17	12	13	55	51	63
11 Tottenham (11)	43	16	12	15	71	67	60
12 Everton (16)	43	16	7	20	52	55	55
13 Sheff Utd (21)	44	12	13	19	54	61	49
14 Coventry (15)	41	11	14	16	42	50	47
15 Man City (17)	42	11	14	17	46	55	47
16 Oldham (18)	45	12	11	22	48	74	47
17 Ipswich (12)	42	11	13	18	40	57	46
18 Southmptn (20)	43	13	5	25	55	70	44
19 Chelsea (19)	41	9	12	20	37	57	39
20 Newcastle* (8)	22	10	6	6	38	21	36
21 West Ham* (13)	23	8	6	9	20	29	30
22 Swindon* (22)	23	2	9	12	22	50	15

* Promoted this season



PETER TREVNOR

Stephenson in the Long Room at Lord's, the home of Marylebone Cricket Club, of which he became assistant secretary in 1979 and secretary in 1987

Stephenson retires after eventful innings

Ivo Tennant meets the outgoing secretary of MCC, whose seven-year tenure ended yesterday

In the popular imagination, the secretary of Marylebone Cricket Club is a former colonel who is a little florid of face, a hail-fellow-well-met keeper of the conscience of cricket. John Stephenson, who retired with a CBE yesterday after seven years' benevolent stewardship, is all that and more.

The CBE has been added to the OBE he received when he finished commanding the 5th Battalion of the Queen's Regiment in 1976. Last week a gateman at Lord's — not the one who recently barred him from entry to a stand — bet him £5 he would be knighted. As Stephenson bade farewell to the staff yesterday in a lachrymose state, he had not the heart to keep the money. His bond with his staff was almost tangible.

He had become secretary in the bicentenary year of 1987 at a time of discord between MCC and the Test and County Cricket Board. Billy Griffith, one of only 11 predecessors, had warned him against becoming assistant secretary in 1979; he had foreseen the strife between the two powers resident at Lord's, one controlling the ground, the other putting on the best shows there.

No sooner had Stephenson become secretary than the marquee for the bicentenary ball blew down. The club's reports and accounts were not accepted by the members. The president, Colin Cowdrey, had to undergo a heart-bypass operation. All the while, Stephenson was having to combine his new and old jobs as well as act in the honorary and increasingly time-consuming role of secretary of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

His own morale, to say nothing of that of the club, was low. Matters improved — the bicentenary match was a great success — but other difficulties followed. The building of the Compton and Edrich stands ran well behind schedule. The members assembled to decide if women should be elected and whether they had any confidence in the England selectors after the exclusion of David Gower from the tour to India. And as secretary of the ICC, Stephenson became embroiled in the controversy over Pakistan's alleged ball-tampering in the Test series with England in 1992. By then, Stephenson was spending more time on the ICC's affairs than his paid job. The chairman of the Pakistan board of control telephoned him in an agitated state to say he had to issue a statement that Pakistan were not involved in ball-tampering. The telephone was then slammed down.

After Stephenson disclosed this recently, the ICC chairman and chief executive told him that the party line was to say nothing further. The hope was that the issue would die away. But what will happen when Pakistan tour England again? "Perhaps they won't," Stephenson said. "There is nothing scheduled." He did not enjoy working for the ICC in the same way that Jack Bailey, his predecessor, had done. "Jack loved being secretary of the ICC. I liked it to start with but once you have penalties and referees, the job becomes nasty. The ball-tampering saga was awful," he said.

He is now free from such aggravation. As a member of MCC, which he has been since 1958, he will be able to attend another special meeting later this month, when Lord Griffiths will propose to members that a board of control should be set up in England, incorporating the Cricket Council and the National Cricket Association. Stephenson played his part in the working party initiated in the aftermath of the rumpus over the exclusion of Gower.

The future of MCC concerns him, yet he will stay away from Lord's for the foreseeable future. He believes it would not be fair to his successor, Roger Knight, to keep coming back. He believes MCC, which ceded responsibility for the running of the game to the TCCB before his time, has no less power now than when he joined in 1979, and that its influence is greater. "People listen to us now."

At the age of 62, "the obligatory retirement age for MCC employees", he would like to contribute further to the game in a different capacity. He would be well suited to management of an England side on tour, for his strength lies in communication. "I probably learnt that dealing with soldiers in the army. I can't stand people who talk down to others."

As he prepared to leave Gubby Allen's old house for his cottage in Wiltshire, he remembered the interview he had in 1979 with Charles Palmer, then the president. Palmer could not think of anything to ask him other than whether he would like to paint the benches. Other candidates might have walked out. Instead, Stephenson forged a lasting friendship with Palmer, and an even closer one with the private club with a public function.

Australia bank on Warne

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN SYDNEY

THERE is the strong sense of an anniversary about the Test match which starts here tomorrow and it is the Australians who expect to do the celebrating. In the 12 months since Shane Warne became a celebrity rather than a curiosity, the focus of the game here has altered profoundly and in Sydney, more than anywhere, Australia can parade their new spin image.

Allan Border, the captain, is unequivocal. "We want it to turn here and we are banking on our spinners to give the South Africans a real test," he said yesterday. With all due respect to the off breaks of Tim May, what Border really meant was that he expected this second Test to be another benefit match for the phenomenal Warne.

Until Warne bemused West Indies and won the last Test of 1992 at Melbourne, the second coming of leg spin, as a force outside the Asian subcontinent, was apparently the vision of fools and romantics. Recent history decreed it a futile exercise and the slightly pudgy young man with surfer's looks and an earstud was widely expected to be driven, disillusioned, back to the beach.

Warne confounded everyone, including himself, by becoming not only cricket's player of 1993 but its personality of the year, too. His 72 wickets in the calendar year have been exceeded by only four men in Test history, fast bowlers all, but they tell only part of the tale. No slow bowler has ever won friends and influenced people as Warne is now doing.

There are good judges here, former players among them, willing to state he is already the best bowler, of any type, the world has seen. This remains fanciful, if only for the lack of longevity, but the unarguable fact of Warne's sensational year is that he is spawning young clones all around Australia. Gone are the days of trying to be Dennis Lillee or even Merv Hughes. Leg spin is the craze.

Earlier this week, during the country's national under-12 competition, the Sutherland team was bowled to victory by two infant leg spinners. One took six wickets, the other finished with match figures of 14 for 11. John McGuinness is the name to note, perhaps for the turn of the century, by which time Warne's deeds could belittle those regarded as the benchmarks of greatness.

So far, he has taken 84 Test wickets in a career which was only properly launched a year ago. He is 24 years old, developing constantly as a bowler and as a more stable, ambitious character than the overweight youngster who came, utterly unprepared, to Test cricket in the Sydney match against India in January 1992.

Warne could play at least another ten years for Australia and, unless he suffers the spinner's yips or the world's batsmen suddenly discover a method of disarming him, by how many wickets might he lead the all-time lists at the end of that time?

Warne has never been less than streetwise and he is now comfortable enough in his position to impose a few bluffs on opposition batsmen. In other words, quickly though his repertoire has grown, it may not be quite as extensive as he makes out. After confronting him in three recent Tests, Ken Rutherford, of New Zealand, called Warne "the most demanding spinner I have ever faced". But he added: "He is a mystery man with his different deliveries, including the mystery balls he tells you about but never bowls."

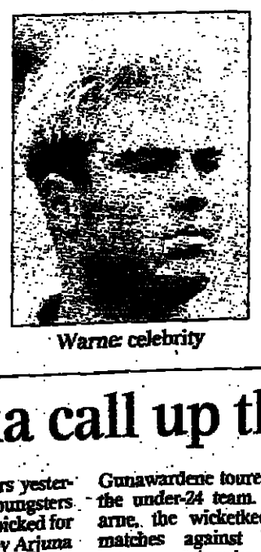
If they are shrewd, the South Africans will not assess Warne strictly on his output in the first Test in Melbourne. He knows better than to show his hand in a dead game and there was a conspicuous absence of googlies during the last rites of five frustrating days.

Here he is expected to be special. A fortnight ago he bowled superbly on the Sydney pitch in a Sheffield Shield game and, all season, the traditional turn has been evident. There must be a cautionary note, for in his two previous Tests on the ground Warne has taken two for 266, but it remains likely that he will be the central figure if this game is to produce a result.

South Africa have no slow bowler in Warne's league, nor even in May's, the flat off spin of Pat Symcox providing little more than support to a seam attack which seems likely to be strengthened by the return from injury of Brian McMillan, the all-rounder, who will be taking a risk by playing on his damaged left knee, though not so much of a risk as Kepler Wessels will take by playing on his damaged right one.

Wessels knows that Border will not allow fielding substitutes for either of them — "he's not that silly" — but is prepared to gamble all to field his strongest side in what may well be the match which dictates this series and the one that follows in South Africa.

AUSTRALIA (from): A R Border (captain), M A Taylor, M J Slater, D C Boon, I A Healy, M E Waugh, C J McDermott, S K Warne, T B A May, G D McGrath, P R Reiffel, D R Martyn. SOUTH AFRICA: to be announced.



Warne: celebrity

Bicknell eager to return to Test reckoning

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN DURBAN

HOWEVER reluctant they might be to confess it, cricketers are no different to others when it comes to making new year resolutions. There are 14 Englishmen in South Africa who feel that, given a decent break here or a rival's mishap there, 1994 could be their best yet.

No-one in the England A party awaits the new year so eagerly as Martin Bicknell, who makes his first first-class appearance of the tour here today against Natal. He turns 25 in a fortnight knowing he is no longer a likely young fast-medium bowler from Guildford. English cricket is littered with the corpses of bowlers once considered promising. It is time he fulfilled that promise.

When Bicknell calls 1993 "my best year ever", he has a point. He took 67 first-class wickets at 20 and forced himself into the Test side before a knee injury caused him to relinquish his place in August. England's victory in the last Test at the Oval, where Fraser, Malcolm and Watkin bowled so well on his home ground, diminished further his hopes of touring the Caribbean this winter.

In effect, it was Bicknell's best half-year. As England have picked off eight successive victories in South Africa, he has been obliged to watch the proper cricket, and he admits to being "not the greatest watcher". A rib injury sustained in the nets before the one-day game in Zwide, Port Elizabeth, put his place on the tour in doubt until specialist advice revealed the damage affected soft tissue rather than bone.

At a pinch Bicknell could have played in the last game at Cape Town. Instead he decided, along with Hugh Morris and Phil Neale, that the best course was a gradual one, building up his fitness in daily nets until he was fully match fit. He takes his place in the team along with Martin McCague, who also missed that ten-wicket victory over Western Province.

England have rested Mark Ilott and Dominic Cork, who have played in each of the three four-day matches to date. They will decide whether to play both off spinners after inspecting a pitch which looked decidedly green yesterday. The square was under water earlier this week.

Phil Russell, the former Derbyshire coach, who left the county after their victory in the Benson and Hedges Cup final in July, is the groundsman at Kingsmead, another Test ground which has been extensively redeveloped in the past two years. He foresees a good batting pitch which will assist the seamers early on and turn later in the match.

The England side dined together last night, after which players were free to mark the dawning of a new year in any manner they chose.

"I haven't seen midnight yet on this tour, and I won't tonight," joked Morris, whose benefit year begins when he tosses up this morning with Malcolm Marshall. It's tough at the top.



Bicknell: fit again

Sri Lanka call up three young players

THE Sri Lanka cricket selectors yesterday included three promising youngsters in a 16-member squad that was picked for a tour of India. The team, led by Arjuna Ranatunga, will play three Tests and three one-day internationals between January 13 to February 20.

Ravindra Pushpakumara, a 19-year-old fast bowler, Nisal Fernando, a wicketkeeper, and Anura Gunawardena, a batsman, are included for the first time. Pushpakumara and Fernando have played against touring sides, and Gunawardene toured South Africa with the under-24 team. Romesh Kaluwitharne, the wicketkeeper in the recent matches against West Indies, the batsman, Asanka Gurusinha, and Rumesh Ratnayake have been left out.

SRI LANKA SQUAD: A Ranatunga, (capt), P A de Silva, R S Mahanama, D Samaraweera, H P Tillekeratne, S T Jayasuriya, R S Kalpage, P B Dassnayake, M Muralitheran, G P Wickramasinghe, D K Liyanage, S D Anurasiri, A Gunawardena, R Pushpakumara, N Fernando, M S Atapattu.

☐ Daniel Marsh, the 20-year-old son of Rod Marsh, the former Australia Test wicketkeeper, took his first wicket in the Sheffield Shield yesterday when he dismissed Michael Bevan of New South Wales in Adelaide, South Australia. It was a valuable wicket for Bevan had scored a quick century in his team's 351 for six at the close.

☐ Geoff Boycott will not be standing in the latest round of Yorkshire committee elections. The 53-year-old former England opener, who lost his place earlier this year, will not oppose another former player, Bob Platt, in the West District.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Chen seeks to put record straight

DESMOND Douglas, the English national table tennis champion a record 11 times, and Chen Xinhua, the England No 1, may have a rare confrontation in the Cleveland International 5-Star Open starting tomorrow at Thornaby Pavilion (Richard Eaton writes). Among the seven countries competing is Japan, who are in the middle of a four-match series against England. Lena Timina, the leading woman player from Russia, is also taking part.

But the highlight would undoubtedly be a meeting between Douglas and Chen, the finest players to represent England in the past 30 years. The last time they met was a year ago in the same tournament when Douglas, despite his 37 years, unexpectedly beat the former China international and went on to win the title. Chen is the top seed and the women's favourite is Chire Koyama, of Japan.

Carr comes of age

CYCLING: Zachery Carr, Britain's junior record-holder for ten miles, with a time of 19min 37sec, and joint winner of last year's national championship at the distance, could be the first winner of the 1994 time-trial season, which opens today near Wymondham, Norfolk, (Peter Bryan writes). The CC Breckland event marks the 18-year-old Norfolk rider's entry into the senior ranks.

Carr, who has been taking part in mountain bike races this winter, plans a change of racing programme this season and will concentrate on time-trials and track events with an eye to the 1996 Olympic Games.

Snow fights back

REAL TENNIS: Julian Snow, the British No 1, made a fighting recovery on the second day of his world championship play-off against Robert Fahey, the world No 1 from Australia, yesterday (Sally Jones writes). Snow, who had looked down and out after losing all four sets on the first day, was on the brink of defeat when he dropped the opening set 6-1 on the second day of this best-of-13 set play-off in Hobart, Tasmania. But Snow improved his game enough to win to win the next three sets and leave the match poised 5-3 in Fahey's favour — and ensure an explosive finale tomorrow.

Lartigue's lead grows

MOTOR RALLYING: Hubert Auriol, of France, driving a Citroën, won the fifth special stage in the Paris-Dakar rally yesterday, but the overall leader, Pierre Lartigue, finished less than a minute behind to increase his advantage by more than five minutes. The champion, Bruno Saby, who was in second place overnight, suffered a broken axle, helping Lartigue strengthen his grip on the race from 6min 03sec to 11min 56sec. Saby finished well behind the leaders. The motorbike stage was cancelled yesterday for security reasons, according to race officials.

Priestley into semi-final

DARTS: Dennis Priestley, of Yorkshire, the top seed, beat Tom Kirby, of Ireland, 4-2 to reach the semi-final of the unofficial Skol world championship at Purfleet, Essex, yesterday. In a match lasting 96 minutes, Priestley, who threw 180 seven times, could have won in straight sets had he not had difficulty in getting home with the final dart. Priestley, who won the official Embassy world championship in 1991, is convinced that this is the real world championship even though the Embassy event, which begins tomorrow, carries the title.

Parmar causes upset

TENNIS: Arvind Parmar, the No 10 seed from Hitchin, upset Justin Layne, of Cambridgeshire, the No 6 seed, 7-6, 6-3, to reach the quarter-finals of the Midland Bank national 16 and under championships at Telford today. Matthew Gorvin, of Bristol, the No 9 seed, also overturned the rankings with a 6-2, 6-2 dismissal of William Herbert, the No 8 seed. Steven Amey, of Derby, lost to Warren Sawyer, of Norfolk, after leading 4-1 in the opening set. Ben Haran, of Alton, who has dropped only five games in his three matches, overwhelmed Paul Delgado, of Maidenhead, 6-1, 6-1.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Charlotte 115 Chicago 95, Sacramento 97 Detroit 91 San Antonio 107 Indiana 82, Orlando 108 Miami 100: New York 102 Washington 84, Houston 110 Minnesota 104; Milwaukee 105 Cleveland 103, Denver 101 Golden State 96, Phoenix 119 Philadelphia 107, Boston 119 LA Clippers 111

BOWLS

BLACKPOOL: Borough Singles Classic: Quarter-finals: R Corsie (Scot) bt W Richards (Eng) 21-12; M Gale (Blackpool) bt W Booth (Staining) 21-9, W Wood (Scot) bt M Emerstle (Ely) 21-20, S Rees (Wales) bt G Harlow (Eng) 21-13. Semi-finals: Corsie bt Gale 21-14; Rees bt Wood 21-14 Final: Rees bt Corsie 21-10.
ATHERLEY TROPHY: Women's county championship: First round: Cumbria 114 Northumberland 103, Yorkshire 127 Durham 100, Lincolnshire 121 Nottinghamshire 108, Suffolk 115 Norfolk 117; Essex 109 Cambridgeshire 123; Leicestershire 118 Warwickshire 127, Surrey 116 Hertfordshire 120, Dorset 111 Sussex 128, Hampshire 124 Berkshire 106, Cornwall 123 Devon 89

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: First day: Brisbane: Queensland 245, Tasmania 4-2. Adelaide: New South Wales 351-6 v South Australia
PANADURA, Sri Lanka: Second day of three: England U-19 210 (M Vaughan 74, M Trescothick 64) and 23-0, Kalutara CA 213.

CYCLING

COLOGNE: Six-day race: Overall positions after third day: 1, B Risi and F Betschart (Switz) 127; 2, A Kappes (Ger) and E de Wilde (Bel) 134, at two laps, 3, U Freuler (Switz) and C Woll (Ger) 183, at two laps, 4, P Bincoletto (It) and A Klaus (Ger) 112; 5, T Rellensmann and U Messerschmidt (Ger) 57, at eight laps

DARTS

PURFLEET: Skol world championship (England unless stated). Group B: T Kirby (Ire) bt L Butler (US) 3-1. Group C: R Harrington bt E Bristow 3-1. Group D: J Umberger (US) bt K Burrows 3-0, P Evison bt Burrows 3-0. Group E: B Anderson bt D Kelly (US) 3-0. Group F: P Taylor (Stoke) bt J Harvey (Scot) 3-1. Group G: S Brown (US) bt K Deller 3-1. Group H: A Warmer bt R Gardner 3-1

FOOTBALL

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena 0 Carrick 2: Omagh 1 Coleraine 0

HOCKEY

COVENTRY: Divisional championships: Under-18: East 1 South East 2; North East 0 South West 0; South East 2 Midlands 1; East 0 North West 1; South West 0 West 0. Final positions: 1, South East 13pts; 2, East 12; 3, Midlands 10; 4, South West 9; 5, West 8; 6, North West 6; 7, North East 1. Under-16: South West 1 North West 1, East 2 West 3; North East 0 South East 3; Midlands 1 North West 0; South West 3 West 1. Final positions: 1, Midlands 14pts; 2, South West 14; 3, West 10; 4, East 10, 5, North West 7; 6, South East 4, 7, North East 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Calgary 7 Edmonton 1; Ottawa 0 Tampa Bay 3, Washington 3 Anaheim 0

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Milton Keynes Kings 9 Solihull Barons 6, Guildford Flames 8 Lee Valley Lions 9, Chelmsford Cheetahs 3 Streatham Redskins 3

MOTOR RALLYING

PARIS-DAKAR RALLY: Fifth Special stage: Cars: 1, H Auriol (Fr), Citroen 1hr 24min 02sec, 2, P Lartigue (Fr), Citroen 1hr 25sec behind, 3, K Shinozuka (Japan), Mitsubishi 03-13, 4, E Weber (Can), Mitsubishi 03 39, 5, J-Pierre Fontenay (Fr), Mitsubishi 03 52. Overall: 1, Lartigue 2hr 28min 26sec, 2, Auriol 11 56 behind; 3, Weber 12.14; 4, Fontenay 13-10, 5, Shinozuka 14-00

REAL TENNIS

HOBART, Tasmania: World championships play-off: First leg, first day: R Fahey (Aus) bt J Snow (GB) 6-4, 6-2, 6-5, 6-1. Second day: Snow bt Fahey 1-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 Fahey leads 5-3 overall

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Batley 8 Castleford 24, Featherstone Rovers 18 Wakefield Trinity 20, Wigan 21, Warrington 10

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bath 24, Cardiff 20; Penarth 28 Old Penarthians 3 (abandoned after 60 minutes, rain)

SQUASH

LEADING WORLD RANKINGS: 1, Jansher Khan (Pak), 2, R Martin (Aus), 3, C Dittmar (Aus); 4, B Meran (Aus), 5, P Marshall (Eng); 6, R Meyles (Aus), 7, R Norman (NZ), 8, P Whitlock (Eng); 9, T Hands (Eng), 10, S Elaquro (Fin), 11, C Walker (Eng), 13, S Perrio (Eng); 14, P Nicol (Scot), 15, S Meads (Eng), 17, D Meddings (Eng), 22, M Maclean (Scot)

TABLE TENNIS

ST AUSTELL: International match: England bt Japan 4-2 (M Syed bt K Nakamura 18-21, 21-13, 21-15, A Cooke lost to Y Monmoto 16-21, 19-21, C Prean bt K Matsushita 21-15, 21-13, Cooke bt K Nakamura 21-8, 21-7, A Perry lost to Y Monmoto 14-21, 9-21, Prean bt Y Mitsushira 21-13, 21-16) England lead challenge series 2-0.

TENNIS

TELFORD: Midland Bank 16 and under championships: Boys' singles: Third round: A Parmar (Herts) bt J Layne (Cambs) 7-6, 6-3, W Sawyer (Norfolk) bt S Amey (Derbys) 6-4, 6-3; B Haran (Hants and IOW) bt P Delgado (Berks) 6-1, 6-1; M Gorvin (Avon) bt W Herbert (Middx) 6-2, 6-2; S Clark (Warwicks) bt D Stuk (Lincs) 6-2, 6-1; I Bates (Hants and IOW) bt A Herbolt (Middx) 6-0, 6-4; J Monk (Sussex) bt N Rushton (Lancs) 6-1, 6-1, S Pender (Corn) bt D Galasso (Kent) 7-6, 6-0 Girls' singles: Third round: J Chrishuly (Cambs) bt F D'Amello (Beds) 6-3, 6-3; R Dunbar (Dorset) bt N Bennewworth (Surrey) 6-0, 6-0; T Callow (Middx) bt J Little (Cheshire) 6-2, 7-5, A Tordoff (Kent) bt A Lench (Kent) 6-2, 5-7, 6-2; F Lehman (Northumberland) bt A Jones (Essex) 6-3, 6-0; S Turner (Sussex) bt S Durham (Sussex) 7-6, 6-4, J Osman (Sussex) bt L Latimer (Warwicks) 6-3, 6-1, T Blackburn (Somerset) bt R Evans (S Wales) 6-1, 6-2.
MELBOURNE: Colonial Classic: Men: Round-Robin: Group B: K Novacek (Cz) bt J Fitzgerald (Aus) 1-6, 6-2, 6-3; A Volkov (Russ) bt P Cash (Aus), 7-6, 6-2.

Armfield opposes part-time appointment

David Miller on why the next England manager is unlikely to be granted an extended contract

THE Football Association enters the new year in a serious dilemma in its search for a England team manager. No front-line candidate is without reservations among his credentials and a consequence is that the initial appointment may be for only two years.

Possible, but less likely, is that the position might be temporarily part-time, depending upon who the five-man committee of Sir Bert Millichip, Graham Kelly, Noel White, Ian Stott and Jimmy Armfield, in an advisory role, decides is the optimum choice. A decision may be reached next week.

Either of the unconventional conditions which might operate are an indication that the committee is making a broader and more perceptive study of a critical situation than has been supposed. None of the committee, it must be remembered, has practical professional qualifications, Armfield apart.

Kelly indicated this week that an appointment only up until 1996 — embracing the European championships for which England is host and an automatic qualifier — is under consideration, with "a fair measure of acceptance" among his colleagues. Since Armfield also acknowledges that of the four candidates known to be under consideration — Terry Venables, Gerry Francis, Kevin Keegan and Howard Wilkinson — the last two are unavailable full-time because of club contracts, there must be presumably consideration of the possibility of a part-time appointment for a coach/selector working in collaboration with a senior partner.

Critics will level the charge of indecision against the FA: that a manager has no chance unless he is granted a minimum four-year period. Yet, as Kelly observes, other countries seldom give long-term contracts: if a manager pursues erroneous policies, as Graham Taylor did, it would not help if he were given eight years.

Any manager likely to make an impact will do so within two years, indeed less; and it can be an advantage not to be committed to a four-year contract if the choice proves unsuccessful. The FA, traditionally wishing to be dignified, does not easily terminate contracts prematurely, as it might well have done with Taylor after the failure in the 1992 European championship finals.

Therefore it has much to gain and little to lose from a two-year trial contract up to 1996, before the qualifying competition for the 1998 World Cup finals.

Armfield will not be recommending a part-time appointment. "It has to be a full-time job, and that's what we are looking for," he says. But if the choice were Keegan or Wilkinson there would be no alternative, if embarrassing legal wrangles with Newcastle United or Leeds United, their respective employers, were to be avoided.

Keegan or Wilkinson could, arguably, work their way into the job in two years' time under the wing of someone such as Don Howe: the circumstances imposed on the national manager by domestic football necessarily makes the relationship with the international squad controversially part-time, and a senior partner could look after the logistics of choosing hotels and training camps.

The FA does not know what it is looking for. There is no perfect animal for the job, which is totally different from club management. Nobody can know, for instance, how any of the four supposed favourites would react to the public exposure and pressure inflicted upon Bobby Robson and Taylor. My wish remains that the FA consults one or two successful foreign managers to gain a different perspective.

Armfield might seem an unlikely reference point: a by-no-means strident or successful manager, who has been out of the game for 15 years. Yet the FA sees his independence from the game as his strength, with his undemonstrative nature backed by lengthy international experience. This may enable him to give his four lay colleagues a neutral line of contact with the professional game. Among other things, I understand this reveals a strong feeling among players for Venables as the preferred choice. In qualifications, Venables is in a class of his own: anyone who can handle the furies of the Spanish press as a foreign manager of Barcelona should be able to cope with its English counterpart. The problem with Venables is that nobody knows what irregularities the Tottenham Hotspur enquiry might reveal, and the FA can hardly appoint an international manager who might suffer retrospective discipline for technical infringements.

Some players, apparently, have a mood for Francis or Keegan, both outstanding former international players, a qualification which many believe essential for the job. But has either the temperament? Some players consider the hard-line Yorkshire approach of Wilkinson to be desirable but it must be asked whether what the players would like is the best thing.

It is an unenviable choice to be made of an unenviable job. As Kelly says: "We are trying to analyse not just the role of manager but the entire structure of the FA's technical development. A lot is in the melting pot but we must face the fact that the man who picks the team is in the firing line, and that will always be so. You can't have two bosses."

JIMMY Armfield, the Football Association's advisor, said yesterday that he had spoken to Trevor Francis, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, as part of the process of finding an England manager. "Trevor has a wealth of experience as a player and has played 50-odd times for England, plus he has played abroad," Armfield said. "I think we should draw on that type of experience."

Armfield refused to say whether Francis was among the candidates discussed recently by the FA's International Committee, and Francis said he preferred the contents of "a very useful discussion" to remain private. Francis is under contract at Hillsborough until 1996.

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Jenkins at stand-off as Wales reshuffle

BY GERALD DAVIES

FOR the opening five nations' championship match against Scotland at Cardiff Arms Park on January 15, the Wales rugby union selectors yesterday announced nine changes, three of which are positional, from the team that lost embarrassingly in November to Canada.

Among the forwards, Ricky Evans, Phil Davies and Mark Perego, who has only played three games this season, replace Mike Griffiths, Tony Copsey and Lyn Jones at prop, lock and flanker respectively.

In the backs, Nigel Walker, injured for the 26-24 defeat by Canada, comes in for Wayne Proctor on the wing and Nigel Davies replaces the injured Scott Gibbs at centre. Joining Davies in midfield is Mike Hall, who returns for his 26th cap now the decision has been made to select Neil Jenkins not at centre but in his club position at stand-off half, instead of Adrian Davies.

WALES TEAM

A Clement (Swansea); I Evans (Llanelli, captain), M Hall (Cardiff), N Davies (Llanelli), N Walker (Cardiff); N Jenkins (Pontypridd), R Moon (Llanelli); R Evans (Llanelli), G Jenkins (Swansea), J Davies (Neath), P Davies (Llanelli), G Llewellyn (Neath), E Lewis (Llanelli), S Quinnell (Llanelli), M Perego (Llanelli).

Replacements: R Jones (Swansea), M Rayer (Cardiff), A Lamerton (Llanelli), H Taylor (Cardiff), H Williams-Jones (Llanelli), A Copsey (Llanelli).

The other positional change in the forwards is less explicable. Emyr Lewis, who at one stage expressed a wish to be considered as No 8, the position he occupied against France last season, now returns to the flank, with the 21-year-old Scott Quinnell, who played against Canada on the side of the scrum, taking over at No 8.

Clearly, Quinnell is seen to possess the versatile talents of his father, Derek, who in the Seventies reversed roles in similar fashion, playing on the flank against New Zealand for the British Lions and at No 8 for the Barbarians in the famous 1973 match against the same opposition. It was at No 8 his son played with such distinction for the Barbarians in the equivalent match last month.

Perhaps there is method in the selection, which features no new caps, after all. "Emyr Lewis has more experience of playing as a flanker at this level than Quinnell," Robert Norster, the Wales manager, said yesterday. "This is the blend we prefer." Swapping positions in this way is not ideal but at least the circumstances are not new to the Welsh.

However, if it is to be a long-term matter, the selectors will need to ensure that they gather more experience at club level. This was something that Jenkins was unwilling to do at Pontypridd, so that the chances were that sooner or later, unable to garner the feel of midfield play at his club, the swapping had to stop at national level.

"He is stamping his mark in that position at the moment compared to centre and this was something it was impossible to ignore," Norster said. He is undoubtedly the moving spirit at Pontypridd, having collected 219 points in the Heineken League.

This is as good a team as can be selected. If opinion diverges, it is only because at a time when success is extraordinarily hard to come by, when each game is a test of nerve as much as skill, and nothing is settled, there are as many different options as there are people who will proffer an opinion. Success, on the other, hand breeds a confident consensus and selection becomes easier. But Wales are a long way off from that condition.

Where there is a growing agreement, however, is that Wales need to break from the pattern of play which is shackled somewhere around the perimeter of the scrum. It is not Wales's natural game, the chorus sings. There is much in this. It is in this respect, and the failure against Canada in particular, that much criticism has been directed at Alan Davies, the coach, and Ieuan Evans, the captain.

But as Davies correctly pointed out yesterday, it is the experienced players in critical positions who must determine for themselves the run of play. This team must prove that it can shift its tactics according to the swing of the game.

He expects the Scots, who were beaten heavily by New Zealand in November and who hold their trial on Monday, to prove difficult opposition. "It's a disaster to play against a team that has just been hammered: they have got so many things to prove," Davies said. "The best thing we had last year was to play first against a team we didn't expect to defeat, England."

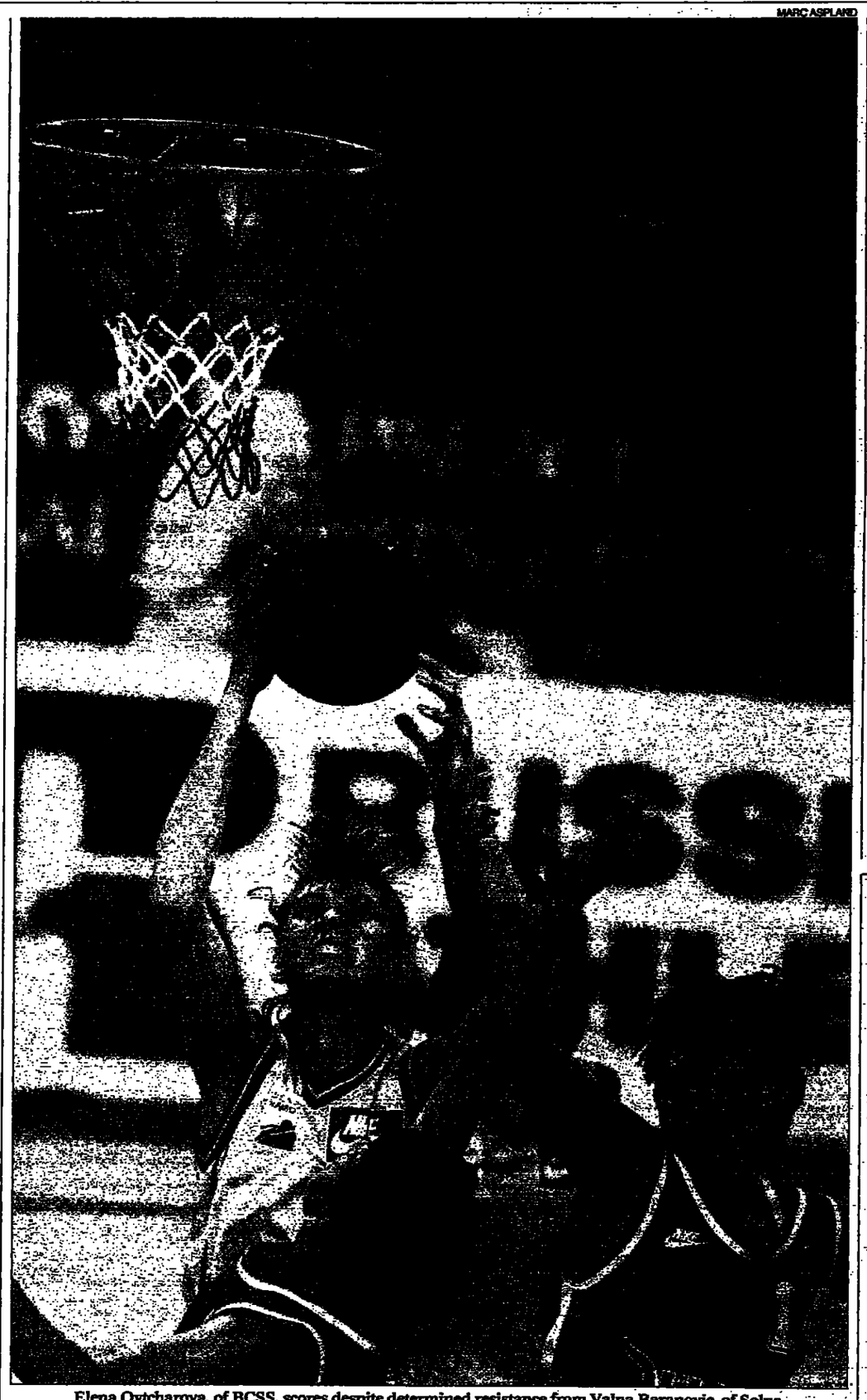
The Ireland selectors are not expected to mirror Wales in making wholesale changes to their five nations' championship side, but they will pay particular attention to the back five forwards in the trial at Lansdowne Road tomorrow before naming the XV to play France in Paris on January 15.



Jenkins: club position

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MARC ASPLAND



Elena Ovtcharova, of BCSS, scores despite determined resistance from Valna Baranovic, of Solna

Giants cut Vikings down to size

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

MANCHESTER Giants revealed at Crystal Palace last night why they are leading the Budweiser League with easily the best scoring record in the land. On their return to the World Invitation CLub basketball tournament after a five-year absence last night, the Giants swept aside the flimsy challenge of Solna Vikings, of Sweden, the seemingly perennial visitors to this tournament, now in its seventeenth year.

Giants, who are averaging 106 points a game in domestic competitions, bettered that in a 117-83 victory that earned them a place against Worthing Bears in the all-English semi-final on Sunday. It took Chris Fite only eight seconds to demonstrate why Manchester are such high scorers. With a contemptuous three-pointer, the 6ft 8in American opened his team's account, after which there was no stopping the English club.

They had sunk the first 11 points of the game before Rachid Kermoury responded with his team's first basket, a three-pointer, after Jay Anderson, the Solna coach, called for his team's first time-out after barely 90 seconds.

With Kevin St Kitts replying in similar fashion with his second three-pointer of the game, the Giants promptly regained the initiative with Joe Hillman, their other American, penetrating at will from the back court. Solna were missing their Sweden international forward, Patrick Bjarnestig, who stayed on the bench with a back injury.

Until midway through the opening half, they had contained Gordon but the England international was still proving invaluable, along with Fite.

The fact that the Giants could bring on such players as the 6ft 10in Craven, Sean McKie, who is about 18 inches shorter, and Kurt Samuels, emphasised their strength on the bench.

Enjoying no such luxury, Solna were not helped by the normally free-scoring Henrik Evers, taking nine minutes to score his only basket of the first half.

The outcome was a formality by the interval when Manchester's lead was 64-41. Gordon responded with an imperious dunk which was the signal for Anderson to concede the game by introducing his bench players.

The Solna women's team had slightly more luck than their men. They lead the women's round-robin tournament, having played a game more than the Belgian team, BCSS Namur, which beat them 68-58 yesterday morning. Making up for that defeat, Solna gained a narrow 75-73 win over the unbeaten English second division leaders, London Heat.

RESULTS: First round: Men: Manchester 117, Solna (Swe) 83. Second Round: Vienna 85, London Towers 68. Women: Solna 58, Namur (Bel) 68; Solna 75, London Heat 73.

Hoddle and Fry expect hostile visits to old clubs

BY KEITH PIKE

IT IS hard to imagine two more contrasting figures in football management than Glenn Hoddle and Barry Fry. Physically, they could be Little and Large. In post-match press conferences, Hoddle often plays Laurel to Fry's Hardy. But they share a belief in the way the game should be played, and today they may be united by a sense of foreboding.

Both will have to endure the wrath of those who once feted them; Hoddle, as he returns to the County Ground in Swindon on board the Chelsea team bus, Fry as he rolls back into Roots Hall with Birmingham City, three weeks after leaving Southend United. Tin hats and thick skins may be the order of the day.

Hoddle, who left Swindon in May a few days after a momentous play-off final victory over Leicester helped them secure a place in the FA Carling Premiership, was typically composed yesterday. Both Chelsea and Swindon are in relegation positions in at present.

"I'm proud of what I achieved [at Swindon]," Hoddle said. "I served an apprenticeship and we performed a miracle by taking them up. Of course, it was the first match I looked for when the fixtures came out, and although I don't know how they will react to me, I will go there with my head held high."

Hoddle said he and John Gorman, his former assistant and now Swindon's manager, will be dining together before the game. "I believe both clubs can turn the corner but I hope it will start with Chelsea today and Swindon on Monday," he said. "The new year gives us the chance of a fresh start."

Fry, whose more recent departure was even more acrimonious, anticipates a hostile reception but said: "I hope the off-the-field aggro doesn't spill over onto the pitch." He took time off from his preparations yesterday to sign Roger Willis, the striker who played under him at Barnet, from Watford, for £150,000.

The new year brought a new manager for Doncaster Rovers. Tony Cunningham, the player-coach, has been placed in temporary charge after Steve Beaglehole was relieved of his duties yesterday by the third division club. His two years in charge ended after a run of five successive defeats, but he may stay on in another capacity after an offer from the club.

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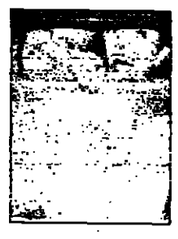
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Just the weather for ice-cream

When the going gets cold, the cold eat ice-cream . . . particularly in the former communist countries, says **Anne McElvoy**



PHILIP CASTLE

The temperature was -15C in Ulyanovsk (Lenin's birthplace) and a wind of pure steel blew across the frozen Volga river.

My Russian travelling companion was undaunted. "Let's go for an ice-cream," she said. "Whatever else there isn't in the provinces, there's always that." On the snowbound main street, the only café was closed. But Ulyanovsk's residents, undeterred in their pursuit of the delicacy, stood around a makeshift stall in their fur hats and winter boots devouring lemon *Morozheno*. "When the mouth is cold, the feet feel warmer," my friend explained. This is not quite the way nutritionists would put it, although they agree that ice-cream, with its high fat content, is an excellent way of giving your body's insulation system a quick boost. As *The Times* doctor, Tom Stuttaford, explains: "It's rather like the Inuit eating blubber. Ice-cream is high in fat, which can quickly boost body temperature. And the sugar gives an added boost."

Even in the cities of northern Siberia, currently enduring -48C, people queue up for it all year round. Churchill, visiting Russia in the winter of 1942, spotted a Kremlin guard clutching a large cornet. He is said to have remarked that a nation which ate ice-cream in the depths of the Moscow winter could not be defeated.

There is not much that I miss about communism, but on this particular front of the Cold War, the East was the outright victor. I used to think that they doggedly kept up supplies because the rulers loved those posters of three-year-olds on their daddy's shoulders at Mayday demonstrations, brandishing their cones as innocent symbols of future ideological triumph. A Central Committee agricultural functionary in East Berlin had a more practical explanation. "Milk overproduction," he said regretfully. "Early mistakes in collective-farm planning have led to a glut and it's the cheapest way to use it up."

His theory was borne out by East German menus. In the provinces, restaurant meals were triumphs of will over ingredients, so the dinner menu reliably consisted of a choice of dishwater *Soljanka* soup or gristly pork. But the desserts provided mouth-watering compensation. Even in the remotest hamlet there was always ice-cream with chocolate and rum sauce, ice-cream with Polish cherry liqueur, ice-cream with Cuban curaçao, ice-cream with Bulgarian fruits, and, of course, lashings of unhealthy whipped cream on top. The Hungarians, who always had enough *joie de vivre to make the best* of socialism's bad job, managed to improve on this with their *palatschinken* — pancakes smothered in ice-cream and fruit sauce. They were the leaders in the East's consumption table, dispatching three litres a person a year, with Poland a full litre behind.

Communism and ice-cream were inseparable: it was the officially permitted luxury of countries which otherwise spurned self-indulgence. Easy and cheap to produce *en masse*, industrial production of the stuff began in the Soviet Union in 1932, at the height of Stalin's brute power — Uncle Joe's gift to the nation's obedient children of all ages.

The story goes that Russia has Stalin's trade minister, Anastas Mikoian, to thank for its ice-cream. On a trip to America to buy machine patents for the industrialisation programme, the stern Bolshevik was so impressed by the enemy's ices that he made an impulse buy of the patent for mass ice-cream production and passed on the American recipe to factories at home, using his subsequent jobs as minister of supplies and minister of food to ensure that they stuck to the rules. By 1990, 132 million litres were consumed yearly in the USSR.

In a country where choice was denigrated as a bourgeois diversion, the sheer variety of ice-cream was astonishing. The state-ordained prices barely changed throughout the entire Soviet period. Children ate vanilla-flavoured ice-cream-filled pastry tarts for five kopeks (a few pence). There was *Schierbet*, bright pink water-ice flavoured with cranberry juice. For 13 kopeks you could splash out on chocolate flavour with wafer. But the favourite was "for 19" with a yellow or pink confectionary rose on top, the first romantic gift for millions of Soviet teenagers on first dates from Vladivostok to Kaliningrad. Nowadays Russian ice-cream is deemed old-fashioned by the country's *nuvorischi*, who prefer to spend 1,000 roubles on imported ice-cream. Baskin Robbins has a profitable shop on the prestigious Kutuzovsky Prospekt. Häagen Dazs fills the freezers of the hard-currency shops.

> On this front of the Cold War, the East was the victor

But for anyone who lived in the communist world, the taste of old-fashioned ice-cream carries the bittersweet melancholy of small enjoyments in a joyless world. Somewhere in an old photo album, I have a picture of myself in Havana, 1988, clutching three ice-cream cones with an expression of pure joy on my face that was partly the result of finding anything at all to eat in Cuba without resorting to dollar hotels, but also because I have never tasted any ice-cream as delicious as that bombastic creamy delight. It will remain in my memory long after that stranded island of communism has succumbed to Häagen Dazs.

One day in Prague in 1990, something terrible happened. I joined an ice-cream queue only to be presented with three minute blobs of a sweet, flavourless mush which purported to hail from Italy and cost ten times the usual price. Home-produced ices were out of fashion, the vendor explained. Freed from the restriction of state planning, everyone wanted foreign ice-cream. Soon afterwards, the first East German restaurants began to offer tiramisu and sorbets instead of their old sundaes, and they sold soggy pre-packed cones in the cinemas. Unification was upon us: the old order had melted away.

● *Additional reporting by Galina Mikulina*

Gerald Kaufman, MP, an ice-cream addict of long standing, has scoured the world to satisfy his craving

Spare me your cathedrals, your castles, your pyramids. When I travel abroad, my objective is clear and simple. Where can I get the best ice-cream?

Arriving at my destination, in whatever continent or hemisphere, I head straight for the most alluring ice-cream parlour I can track down. I have gorged myself on cone and tub in every climate. At -10C, I have joined Muscovites (who, like all Russians, take their ice-cream seriously, rejecting the pathetic English fallacy that this delicacy is only a summertime solace) slurping their way along the trendy Arbat.

In typhoon-swept Kyoto I have sheltered from rather emphatic breezes with the added comfort of green-tea flavoured ice-cream. I have sung in the rain in Hollywood, buoyed up with chocolate-almond frozen yoghurt (which is simply ice-cream disguised to suit health freaks) in a cosy booth not too far along Sunset Boulevard from the location where Joe Gillis got his come-uppance from Norma Desmond. From Venice, Italy, to Venice, California, I have improved the shining hour of warm sunlight with an indigenous double-dip.

How do I find my ideal ice-cream, crammed with cream and high in cholesterol-rich butter-fat?

In the United States I never travel without my personal bible, a paperback with the deliriously enticing title of *The Very Best Ice-Cream and Where to Find It*. I picked up (if necessary, I would have stolen) a copy in a bookshop in Bennington, Vermont, for the ludicrously low price of £2.95.

Just scanning the index is enough to make me salivate uncontrollably. As for the book's contents, take just one example: Sweet Creams Unlimited, Ridgefield, Connecticut, whose premier attraction is "ravishing Mississippi Mud Pie, featuring coffee Kahlua ice-cream topped with whipped cream and fudge sauce". This book paid for itself by directing me to the richest vanilla ice-cream I have ever tasted anywhere, at Snelgroves, Salt Lake City.

In other countries I scour the more generalised guidebooks to see if ice-cream gets a mention. In Italy, the invaluable, pocket-diary-shaped American Express guides are especially rewarding. The Rome edition would be cheap at ten times the price for having directed me to Gelateria della Palma, an Ali Baba's cave of ice-cream offering 100 different flavours.

In Florence — which can make a justified claim to be the world's ice-cream capital, with parlours at almost every corner — the place to go is Vivoli, whose incredibly excellent ice-cream justifies the arrogance, not to say outright contempt, with which clients are treated. The humiliation is justified by the marvellous quality of the flavours (the melon is a must).

> Florence can claim to be the world's ice-cream capital

On the other side of the world, in Adelaide, Australia, I was pointed in the direction of that elegant city's most reliable Italian *gelato* (some of the inferior brands on offer being little more than flavoured ice) by the *Advertiser Good Food Guide*. On the Sunday morning when I called to sample its flavours, Al Fresco in Rundle Street was crowded to the rafters, unlike the almost deserted rival establishment next door. South Australia's connoisseurs were voting with their stomachs.

The Adelaide *gelato* provides an alternative to the numerous Australian parlours stocking Scandinavian — or pseudo-Scandinavian — ice-cream. Melbourne and Sydney contain establishments called Norgen Vaaz, which I suspect to be a rip-off of the northern hemisphere's Häagen Dazs (itself a totally invented word which has no meaning in any Norse, or indeed any other, language). Of particularly superior quality is a brand available in Adelaide and its seaside neighbour, Glenelg, embellished with the name of Royal Copenhagen ice-cream.

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Welcoming the wolf to these shores again

Jim Crumley backs the return of wolves to the Highlands

Scotland has been wolfless now for 250 years. There are almost as many accounts of the slaying of the last wolf as there are caves and hovels and mansions where Bonnie Prince Charlie allegedly slept.

The most quoted is a paragraph by a stalker called Macqueen in the north-east Highlands in 1743, supposedly after two children had been killed, a claim almost as preposterous as Macqueen's account:

"As I came through the slockh by east the hill there, I foregathered wi' the beast. My long dog there turned him. I buckled wi' him, and dirkit him, and syne whuttled his craig, and brought awa his countenance for fear he should come alive again, for they are precarious creatures."

So the child-slayer wolf was suddenly grown docile enough to permit the stalker to wrestle it, dirk it, cut its throat and behead it. But such is the all too believable unremorse at the wolf's extermination that man cannot quite forgive himself.

For the last 40 or so of our 250 wolfless years, naturalists have pricked that conscience into consideration of reintroducing wolves. The idea has grown so respectable that the Government's own Scottish Natural Heritage has now given it tentative voice.

The prospect appals hill farmers and crofters, although the most likely setting for an initial experiment is the Hebridean island of Rum which SNH owns, and where it and its predecessor (the Nature Conservancy Council) have pursued a long-term study of the Highland wolf's favourite prey, the red deer.

COUNTRY FILE

It is a promising proposition for nature. There is widespread agreement now that the Highlands hold far too many deer, and in a confined island environment with a good mix of Highland habitats — mountain, moor, wood, shore — it would be a simple matter to study the impact of a controlled number of wolves as a natural predator on the deer herd.

But Rum should be a beginning, not an end in itself. I can see no reason other than the squeamishness of stock owners to let the wolf rediscover its own level on the mainland. There has been enough enlightening research now to overturn the kind of thoughtlessness which cast the wolf in the role of yellow-eyed slavering villain in a thousand fairytales and cartoons. All we need is the confidence to permit real wolves to behave naturally, and we have nothing to fear.

It would be a quantum leap of thought. We have learnt to live without wolves. Somehow in this moribund and bureaucratically top-heavy era of conservation, room must be made for wildness, a gesture towards nature purely for its own sake, serving only the cause of wildness. The wolf's resurrection would be such a gesture.

The American conservationist Aldo Leopold wrote memorably of wolves in his matchless book, *A Sand County Almanac*, hearing in the infamous howl "an outburst of wild defiant sorrow, and of contempt for all the adversities of the world.

"Every living thing... pays heed to that call. To the deer it is a reminder of the way of all flesh, to the pine a forecast of midnight scuffles and a blood upon the snow, to the coyote a promise of gleanings to come, to the cowman a threat of red ink at the bank, to the hunter a challenge of fang against bullet. Yet behind these obvious and immediate hopes and fears there lies a deeper meaning, known only to the mountain itself. Only the mountain has lived long enough to listen objectively to the howl of the wolf."

California in the Blackpool winter

Sybaritic

Susan MacDonald

goes to Lancashire for a lazy weekend only to be lured into activity

I checked into the Village Hotel in Blackpool just after lunch on a rainy, blustery Saturday, and my one craving was for a snooze on the bed, draped in the Saturday papers. But the large, fluffy towelling wraps awaiting my partner and me in our room tempted me to the hotel's indoor swimming pool.

On the way, I passed four squash courts, a large snooker room, an aerobics studio, an exercise gym and a toning, massage and beauty therapy room. Further on, arrows pointed to the golf course, driving range and tennis courts.

For me, an ideal weekend break has always conjured up a vision of old country hotels, delicious food, log fires and voluptuous armchairs: a haven of indulgence and indolence. But the concept of offering well-upholstered idleness and top-quality activity under one roof is fast gaining in popularity and I was beginning to see why.

The 21-metre swimming pool lay in a large all-white complex with ceiling-high windows. Lounging beds and large sub-tropical plants dotted the area. The image was pure California, but then so were the water and air temperatures. Alongside the pool were a sauna, a steam room and a "sunshower" room for an all-over fake tan.

Tentatively I swam a bit, then became bolder and lay first in the dry heat of the sauna, then in the wet heat of the steam room. By now the outside winter world had slipped away. I swam a bit more and then aimed for the ultimate treat: submerging myself in the hot bubbly water of the whirlpool spa and letting the underwater jets massage the last of the tension away. Then I went for a lie-down and a chance to read the papers, while my partner tried out the gym, having his blood pressure and pulse checked before being allowed to exercise on the state-of-the-art equipment.

Others in the holiday trade may be suffering, but since 1987 Village Leisure Hotels have built six hotels in the north of England, and are now creeping south with two more planned in the Midlands. This was their newest hotel on the outskirts of Blackpool, five minutes from the M6 with easy access to the Lake District and Yorkshire moors. The atmosphere was warm and relaxed, the staff friendly and professional. Many guests said they stayed there for the food and comfort and did not use the leisure facilities, but enjoyed wandering along to the viewing gallery to watch people swimming or playing squash, between relaxing in the hotel's library, coffee area, or in one of the bars. I was irritated by the lack of porterage — trolleys on each floor would have eliminated lugging bags along corridors.

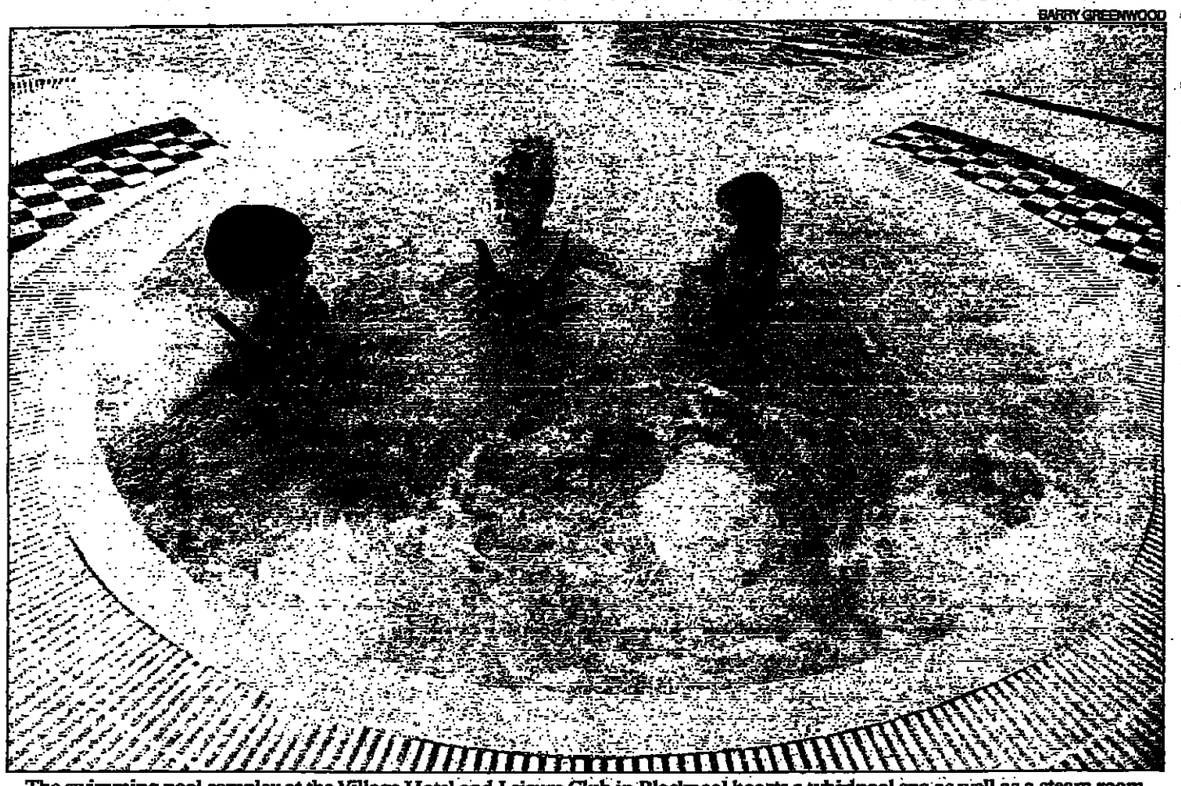
René Brunet, the hotel manager, is the man who turned The Belfry into the successful Midlands leisure complex which has attracted the Ryder Cup to its golf course. A Frenchman and a trained cook, he makes delicious, well-served food a priority. Andrew Simpson, who was executive chef at The Belfry, is now with him at the Village. Our dinner in the grill room was excellent, the high point being the Châteaubriand.

As it was the last weekend of the illuminations and I had never been to Blackpool, after dinner we went to join the queue of cars inching their way along the seafront to gaze at the bright lights.

One family in the hotel told me afterwards that they were thrilled the Village now existed, as from now on their obligatory annual pilgrimage to Blackpool would be bearable.

Sunday morning usually means staying in bed, but I was drawn again to a quick laze in the pool and a lounge in the steam room, before confronting a buffet breakfast with a wondrous selection of cereals, yoghurts, salami, cheese, fruit juices — and an excellent, freshly fried breakfast.

BARRY GREENWOOD



The swimming pool complex at the Village Hotel and Leisure Club in Blackpool boasts a whirlpool spa as well as a steam room

Afterwards my partner retired to lounge in the heat of the pool area with the Sunday papers, and I went to look at the hotel's 18-hole par-72 golf course, designed to championship standard by Peter Alliss and Clive Clark, which opens this spring. Alongside there is a practice putting green, a 20-bay driving range and three all-weather tennis courts. The assistant manager told me she would like to add riding stables as well. The hotel is built on reclaimed land next to a bird sanctuary, and its design has incorporated 11 acres of lakes and retained the full use of existing public footpaths.

The Village is fully equipped for business conferences, large and small, as the idea of people doing business and relaxing together becomes increasingly popular. Its health and fitness facilities are also open as a club for local people. Sporty I am not, but I became seduced by the thought of having a sauna, massage or game of squash on tap whenever I came to a natural pause in my book. I came away feeling absolutely refreshed and relaxed.

● *Village Hotel and Leisure Club, East Park Drive, Blackpool FY3 8LL. (0253 838866). Normal rates (special weekend offers often available): weekend B&B £39.50 per person; short-break dinner with B&B £55 per person; weekend golf break dinner with B&B £75 per person. Reduced rates for children.*

Getting there



☐ Mary Ann Sieghart travelled courtesy of Royal Air Maroc, via Casablanca, to Marrakesh: a flight time of four hours. Padlock your bags: many were open and had been rifled through when they arrived on the carousel. The official return fare is about £250, depending on the time of year.

☐ La Roseraie is just over an hour's drive south from Marrakesh. Rooms vary from fairly basic to very comfortable, and are dotted around the gardens. April and May are the best months for the roses. Food is not bad, service is excellent. The hotel costs £45 per person per night half-board, or about £560 for seven nights, including flight. Riding is extra: about £100 per person for two days and a night.

☐ The holiday was organised by CLM (Morocco Made to Measure) (071-235 0123).

DAVID PRITCHARD



Riding through the sparse villages of the High Atlas foothills, such as Ouirgane (above), Mary Ann Sieghart and her husband were a rare enough sight to cause excitement

Riding high over the lonesome mountains

An hour's drive from Marrakesh,

Mary Ann Sieghart saddles up to explore *la calme* of the High Atlas

Was somebody trying to tell me something, I wondered, when on my first day at La Roseraie with my husband, Dai, my watch stopped, my trusty short-wave radio failed to work, and the hotel's only telephone was clearly not going to connect us with Marrakesh, let alone England? *La calme* is La Roseraie's speciality; I was clearly being urged by some higher power to observe it.

So I did. Soon we learnt to tell the time by the weather: if the sky was cloudless, it must still be morning; if the clouds were hovering over the mountaintops, it was time for lunch; and by the time the raincloud gathered, it was most definitely time to go inside and have a drink. Each time I worried about the children at home, I told myself that if anything had gone wrong, word could have been sent from Marrakesh. And as for the news, does it really matter what John Major is doing when you can lie by a pool surrounded by rose gardens and babbling streams in the foothills of the High Atlas mountains?

Around La Roseraie, the hills cluster in those ridiculously regular overlapping triangles that you probably used to draw as a child. Above them are the snow-capped mountains of the High Atlas, crossable only via the vertiginous Tizi-n-Test pass, of which travellers speak in strangled tones when they arrive at La Roseraie in time for a bolstering evening drink. Many of the hairpin bends are unprotected, and Moroccan drivers relish playing chicken with cars coming the other way. But our travel was to be on horseback, with barely the sight of a road.

We had come to La Roseraie for *la calme*, but also to explore the High Atlas mountains on the hotel's half-Arab, half-Berber steeds. The first day, we took a gentle ride around the valley, through olive and eucalyptus groves, peeping over the pink clay walls that surround the Berber houses, fording streams and climbing high enough to look down on Ouirgane, the village on whose edge La Roseraie nestles.

The next day, we set out on foot to see if we could walk as far as the snowline. When we passed through the last village, surrounded by giggling little girls herding their sheep, and found our first patch of snow, it was curiously granular, like a collection of tiny hailstones.

All this was preparation for a two-day riding expedition, with a night in a Berber village way up in the mountains. With just a small saddlebag each, my husband and I set off after breakfast with our guide, Abu, and his dog.

Skirting the big river, swollen from unexpected and much-welcome autumn rain, we rode through landscape reminiscent of Arizona: small, reddish hills, pleated like the folds of a sleeve in a Renaissance portrait, with gullies and outcrops and not a sound bar the soft phut of our horses' hooves on the path. The colours were straight out of Cézanne: red and green, pink and green, gold and green. For several hours we saw nobody.

Along a dried-up river bed we rode, the horses picking their way through boulders glistening below us in irridescent colours. Then we climbed an unremitting zig-zag path for what must have been at least 1,000 feet. My horse barely deepened his breathing, and I realised that he was not thin from hunger, but just ferociously fit.

Once over the pass, we could see steadily smaller foothills leading down to the plain, through which the river had carved its path, leaving fertile, silty patches, dense with green crops, on the outskirts of each bend. The occasional white minaret poked up above the clay villages, almost camouflaged against the earth that surrounded them.

After four hours or so in the saddle, a simple picnic lunch of hard-boiled eggs and unleavened bread dunked in olive oil was more welcome for the rest than the fare. Another hour and a half took us to the village where we were to stay. Our host showed us proudly round the collection of little houses that clung to the hillside, a few hundred feet above the river. In his *djellebah*, the full-length coat with a pointy hood that all the men wear here, he looked like a magician. We drank mint tea, almost soupy with sugar, and ate *tajine*, a slow-cooked stew, with our hands, all from the same clay pot.

The courtesy and warmth of his welcome easily made up for the running water, electricity and heating that we had left in the valley below.

A night in a very narrow and rudimentary bed left me surprisingly refreshed, though, perhaps inevitably, bedbug-bitten. After more unleavened bread with apricot jam and several cups of very sweet and very strong coffee, we set off for the second day's ride, down into the plain and then back over the mountains to La Roseraie.

In the morning we passed endless donkeys pulling handmade wooden ploughs, with a child or man walking behind: a vision unchanged for thousands of years. In the villages, there was little sign of Western influence: no radios or television, no packaging or cans. Only the children's clothes bore traces of internationalism. We cannot have been the first foreigners to ride through their lives, but we were rare enough to cause excitement.

The trip back through the mountains was sensational. Climbing up and up a narrow path carved into the steep hillside, we found ourselves in the most majestic gorge, with a sheer drop of perhaps 1,000ft down from the path to a cascading river, and another 500ft or so of mountainside above us. I thanked God that he had given me a good head for heights, and my horse a sure set of feet.

Back at La Roseraie, after a fairly hair-raising fording of the icy river, we encountered another couple who had just arrived for the night and had to leave the next morning for Marrakesh. Like all the others, they took one look at the setting and regretted their haste. And again we felt smug that we had forsaken our usual hectic travelling schedule to stay for a whole week in this one gorgeous place.

La calme, after all, has to be savoured.



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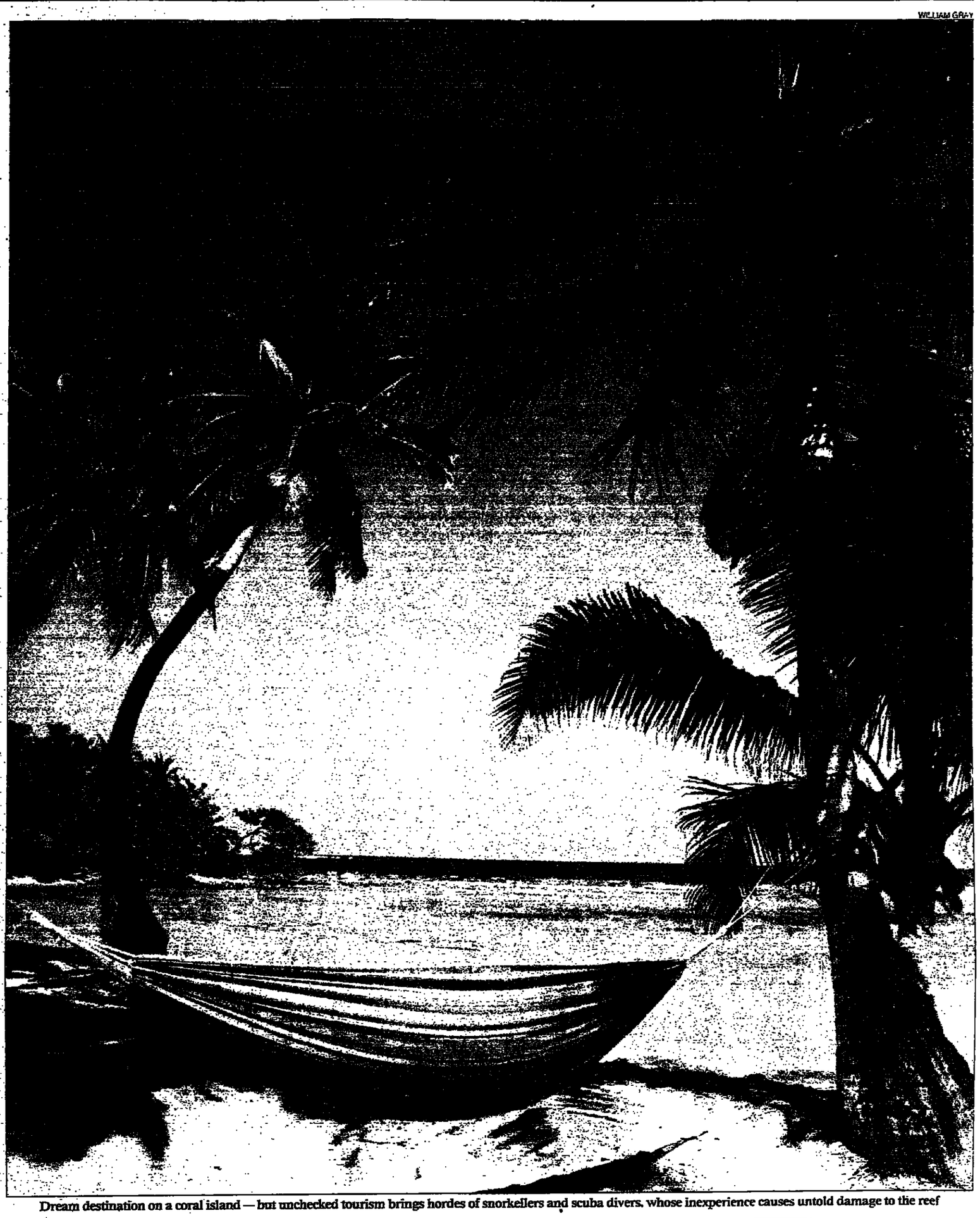
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Divers to the rescue of the coral reef

In Central America, William Gray joins a group of volunteers engaged in the fight to save the Belize Barrier Reef — and having a holiday too

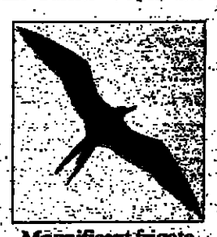


WILLIAM GRAY

Dream destination on a coral island — but unchecked tourism brings hordes of snorkellers and scuba divers, whose inexperience causes untold damage to the reef

The disadvantage of smiling while deep sea diving is that water seeps through the sides of your breathing mouthpiece, but I couldn't stop. Two giant eagle rays had joined us 33 yards below the surface of the Caribbean, and with slow graceful wingbeats they began somersaulting around like a pair of enormous marine bats. My diving companion was equally enchanted, sending exclamations of wonder bubbling through the water.

As research for my book on coral reefs and islands, I had joined a group of divers, all volunteers, on a three-month expedition for Coral Cay Conservation, an independent non-profit-making organisation working on the conservation of the Belize Barrier Reef. The reef is the second largest in the world, stretching 155 miles along the coast of Belize in Central America. This colossal limestone sculpture, shaped over thousands of years by reef-building corals, is home to more than 200 species of fish and a vast array of plants and animals.



Magnificent frigate bird off Belize

> Souvenir shops are crammed with rare shells and skeletons of corals, often artificially coloured

Throughout time coral reefs have provided a barrier against the erosion of coastlines, sequestered the "greenhouse effect" gas, carbon dioxide, from the atmosphere, helped to filter dirty water, provided a vital source of food for both humans and sea life and, more recently, yielded medicines and potential cancer cures. Now they are under immediate threat. Ninety per cent of reefs worldwide have already been seriously damaged. The tiny, fragile polyps that create them are being blown up by dynamite fishing, smothered by sediment-laden run-off from rainforest clearance and poisoned by pollution. But by far the biggest threat to the reef comes from industrial and agricultural development and tourism.

Only two hours' flying time from America, Belize is fast becoming an important paradise holiday destination in the Caribbean, but unless its tourism can be managed, the reef's wealth of resources could be destroyed.

The luxuriant coral seascapes attract hordes of snorkellers and scuba divers who, through inexperience, can smash a plate or branching coral with a flipper or handle the sensitive polyps. Dive-boat operators thoughtlessly let their anchors drag across reefs, destroying in a matter of seconds swathes of coral that may have taken hundreds of years to mature.

The saddest and most unnecessary aspect of the tourist industry is the associated trade in marine curios. Souvenir shops are crammed with rare shells and skeletons of corals, often artificially coloured in a pathetic attempt to restore their "living" hues. Dried starfish and turtles, shrivelled sea horses and inflated porcupine pufferfish hang on lengths of string.

The Belize government has already declared large rainforest and wetland reserves, but only three marine reserves (Hol Chan, Half Moon Cay and Glover's Reef Atoll) exist on the barrier reef. Coral Cay Conservation, a British organisation, lies at the heart of its survival plan. Anyone can join one of its research expeditions: all you need is an ability to dive (or a willingness to learn), a keen interest in conservation and a generous pinch of enthusiasm.

Expedition members are based on a small coral island (one of several hundred on the reef) called South Water Cay. Upon arrival they are taught how to survey the reef and identify its inhabitants. A large wooden building, formerly a retreat for nuns, provides bunk-bed accommodation, a diving workshop, kitchen, dining hall and study. The first floor has an open balcony — an ideal place to string a hammock on a hot, humid night and enjoy the cooling ocean breeze and the sound of waves caressing the shore just ten metres away.

Life there is not for the faint-hearted. The days are long: diving starts at six in the morning and continues until nightfall, and members also participate in chores and maintaining equipment. Every day teams of divers take to the sea in fast, open dive boats, which are equipped with sophisticated satellite navigation systems enabling survey locations to be pinpointed. Finning along fixed survey paths, the divers use underwater notepads to record the different corals, fish and other marine species. They map the contours of the seabed and make a note of any human impact in the area.

Beauty aside, the coral reef world they experience is unsurpassed by any other region of the sea in its diversity and abundance of life. A spectacular range of reef habitats is covered, ranging from shallow seagrass beds to the plummeting outer drop-off of the barrier reef, an almost vertical cliff of coral descending hundreds of feet to the sea floor.

After each survey, divers transfer their notes to record sheets, which are fed into a computer database. This is being used to devise a conservation management plan which will assess and monitor the reef's sensitivity to human activities and ensure that industries like tourism and fishing have minimum impact. This is a unique opportunity to contribute — and, as the divers descend into the warm, turquoise realm of coral reefs, they may well be rewarded by a close encounter with a pair of inquisitive eagle rays.



Divers prepare to go to work doing conservation surveys on the Belize Barrier Reef

In the swim

☐ To join a Coral Cay Conservation expedition (071-498 6248) costs from £1,675 for 28 days to £3,200 for 84 days inclusive of return flights to Belize, hotel accommodation while in transit, full board and lodging on the reef, hire of most expedition equipment and scientific training.



☐ William Gray, 24, is a natural history writer, photographer and artist. After graduating in zoology from Durham University in 1990, he began a personal study of the coral reef ecosystem after a trip to Australia's Great Barrier Reef. His book, *Coral Reefs and Islands — The Natural History of a Threatened Paradise*, is published by David & Charles, price £17.99. A part of the royalties will help fund survey work on the Belize Barrier Reef by Coral Cay Conservation.

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Economies with fat and the truth

Drew Smith explains the language of fatspeak, which exploits the gap between our appetites and our health-conscious diets

The whole discussion about fat has been reduced to a neurotic hypocrisy. Even a supermarket such as Tesco, which prides itself on having introduced healthier eating concepts, was selling over Christmas a beezer little pot of double cream with sugar and Cointreau, which is probably about as unhealthy as you can get.

Not to be outdone, Sainsbury's has been going in another direction with a mean little line in nonsense called "diet extra-thick cream". In fact, the fat has been homogenised to thicken it, but it has 5 per cent more fat than single cream, so it is not much of a diet, more of a withdrawal therapy.

When Joanna Lumley (who else) speaks seductively in advertisements about her dark side and her virtuous side, it is easy to overlook the fact that she is talking about yoghurt. Reputedly "thick and creamy", in practice it is 5 per cent milk fat or 3.9g fat, depending on *which bit of the packaging you read*. Which is to say, Ms Lumley does not have much of a dark side at all. To put it into context, she is selling something that has nearly one fifth of the fat level of Sainsbury's so-called Diet Cream.

These images underline our conflict with fat itself. We have invented a language for it. Let us call it "fatspeak". Fatspeak badgers us into believing that we are all obsessives, that tomorrow there will be cream buns for everyone. In fatspeak, we are all junkies, tearing ourselves away from 4 per cent fat *one day, sure in the knowledge that* tomorrow is another day and it will not be about low-fat cottage cheese.

In fatspeak we are encouraged to have low self-esteem. Fatspeak plays on our concerns about health and self-image. It serves to justify the conflict in our attitude to fat.

Worryingly, fatspeak has managed to enshrine itself in law. The nutritional labelling has been subverted. A packet of butter carries the seemingly innocent data that 100g will supply the recommended daily intake of vitamin A and a third of vitamin D. Terrific. How cosy. But *consider just how much* 100g of butter is. Not quite half a packet. A rather larger slab than the width of this newspaper column. Anyone eating that amount of butter daily would have serious dietary liabilities. And yet the thought is planted, and seemingly endorsed by government, that eating so much butter might possibly be one avenue to a balanced diet.

Take another example: cream. The nutritional data is expressed as grams. But in the real world, cartons are measured in pints or millilitres. The maths become tricky. If 284ml of cream costs 75p, how much fat does that contain if there are 23.5g of fat in 100g? And where does that fit in a balanced diet? This is fatmaths. Doubtless, readers of *The Times* can handle such *mental somersaults*, but was not this nutritional labelling designed to help people who need dietary direction?

Nutritional labelling is demeaned by association, because what fatspeak does assist greatly with, naturally, is making money.

Sales of skimmed milk have risen to rival those of ordinary milk. In other areas of the dairy industry, when the fat is taken out and recycled, the saving is passed on to the customer. This is not so with skimmed milk.

Promise is a new product from Van den Berghs. It is a spread that is 97 per cent fat-free, roughly the *same price as butter, but in fat terms* about on a par with low-fat yoghurt. This is achieved by using water, as are all low fat spreads. This is what you pay for and why it is often argued (in the real world) that these foods are not really cheaper, just diluted. The product also contains modified starch. Those two items comprise 97 per cent of the ingredients. Cream has to be added, which is where the 3 per cent fat comes from. So desperate are we to believe in fatspeak, that we will buy 3 per cent cream filled out with any old gunk to maintain the texture and believe it is great value. Such, it seems to me, is poverty. It does not even taste very good, like a cheesy margarine, but the texture is convincing.

Van den Berghs also brought us I Can't Believe It's Not Butter. One reason you might not believe it is not butter is that it is only 10 per cent short of enough fat to be butter. Sadly, it mixes the worst of both worlds, a high fat count, plus hydrogenated oil. The butter flavour is from the 13 per cent buttermilk. But it is half the price of butter.

It was poor old butter that invented fatspeak. In a desperate attempt to defend its pure image, it succeeded in getting a law passed to ensure that butter had to be 80 per cent fat At the turn of the century, faced with the rise of imitations, and in 1909 with the arrival of hydrogenisation, which turns liquid fats solid, the butter producers must have felt pretty clever. Since then, they have watched helplessly as *watered down substitutes* have hogged the market place and fatspeak has been invented to represent all the things they abhorred.

Fatspeak has also dispensed with ordinary yoghurt. In practical terms it no longer exists. There is Greek yoghurt, at up to 10 per cent fat, or half that of single cream; there is low-fat at 3 per cent; or virtually fat-free at 0.1 per cent. Yoghurt has become the right-on answer to fatspeak. Even Häagen Dazs, arch-purveyors of quality cream in ice-cream, have *turned to yoghurt for its 98 per cent* fat-free, Mivvi-style, frozen peach yoghurt wrapped in peach sorbet. Yoghurt works as a substitute for other dairy fats, tastes good and is a genuine low-fat product.

You might think from all of this that these are the last gasps of a once fat industry in decline and that the hardline nutritional lobby is about to declare a famous victory. Or you might simply think that we are all being taken for a ride.

The volume of fatspeak is being turned up. This is not simply leaping on the health-food bandwagon. *The marketplace itself has* started to perform irrationally — or we have. Sales of fromage frais have astounded analysts. Milk quotas have pushed traditional producers into new directions. All that skimmed milk we are drinking has left behind it a surplus of fat. Supermarkets have started to shift yoghurts out of the dairy section into the novelty sweet cabinet.

Crème fraiche is another modern-day success, pioneered by Sainsbury's. This is fat by another name, *although, in the French way, rather* than being fresh cream, it is left to ripen or mature for a few hours to develop a nutty taste. Much of what is found here is from Isigny in Normandy, which has *appellation contrôlée* for its crème fraiche, just like a great wine. It is a traditional product, usually with a little less fat than double cream, although Waitrose and Yoplait have succeeded in getting the fat down to just 30 per cent without undue damage.

To create a low-fat version, *Yoplait adds skimmed milk, starch,* gelatine, pectin to stabilise and potassium sorbate to preserve. Like other low-fat crèmes fraiches, it is a travesty. Or more fairly, it is a different product. If it were milk, it would not be allowed to use the same name. But in fatspeak there is one law for crème fraiche and another for milk.

Express Foods' new milk substitute, Halo, is a mere 97 per cent milk. But unlike Promise, which is 97 per cent not fat, Halo is 97 per *cent milk but cannot call itself milk*. We have now reached the advanced level of fatspeak.

Express has used sunflower oil to alter the relationship of the saturated and unsaturated fats and knock down the cholesterol level. In fatspeak Halo declares itself as having 80 per cent less fat than semi-skimmed milk. Semi-skimmed milk has only 1.7 per cent fat, so the figure of 80 per cent is somewhat relative.

ADVERTISING ARCHIVES



"If 284ml of cream costs 75p, how much fat does that contain if there are 23.5g of fat in 100g?"

FAT LEVELS

Individual brands may vary by a few points, usually upwards.

	%
Butter	80
I Can't Believe It's Not Butter	70
Clotted cream	55
Double cream	48
Crème fraiche	40
Flora	39
Whipping cream	35
Waitrose crème fraiche	30
Low fat double cream	22
Single cream	18
Half cream	12
Greek yoghurt	10
Fromage frais	6.8
Jersey milk	4.8
Milk	4
Low-fat fromage frais	3
Custard style yoghurt	3
Semi-skimmed milk	1.7
Virtually fat-free yoghurt	1
Skimmed milk	0.3
Halo	0.2
Virtually fat-free fromage frais	0.1

RESTAURANT WATCH

SALES RESORT
Pierre Victoire
9 William Street, London SW1 (071-823 1414)
In this new, 150-seat branch of Pierre Levicky's rapidly expanding bargain bistro chain, the three-course lunch is £6.90 (elsewhere £4.90), but the French embassy staff eat here regularly. All branches open noon-3pm and 6-11pm, Monday to Saturday, and work from the same cookbook. Reckon £15 a head, including wine, in the evening.

THIRD MABEY
St Peter's Restaurant and Wine Bar
35/37 St Peter's Street, Ipswich, Suffolk (0473 210810)
Robert Mabey, former head chef at Hintlesham Hall, now has a third restaurant in Suffolk. The new one is in what was the Oxborrows Hotel in Ipswich. Head chef is Lawrence Clifford, who was formerly at both Mabey's Brasserie in Sudbury and the New Regatta in Aldeburgh. Similar menu: reckon £20 a head.

IN MY BACKYARD
The Hothouse
78/80 Wapping Lane, London E1 (071-488 4797)
Nigel Fenner-Fownes is hoping it is third time lucky, reopening a long empty property within walking distance of *The Times's* back door, where two previous operations proved short-lived. Open noon-3.30pm and 5.30-11.45pm, Monday to Saturday, and noon-10.30pm on Sunday. About £25.

NOT SO FLAT
Norfolk Place
Point House, Coltishall, Norfolk (0603 738991)
Nick Gill, formerly head chef at Hambledon Hall and the Feathers in Woodstock, Oxfordshire, is now offering set five-course dinners (£22.50) in his own new and cottagey restaurant just outside Norwich. Open for dinners only, Tuesday to Saturday. Special meals for children by arrangement.

ROBIN YOUNG

Pastures of dairy ice

For a Yorkshire couple, ice-cream production comes naturally

Yorkshire Dales farmer Brian Moore remembers European Community milk quotas being introduced in 1984 on, appropriately enough, April Fools Day. His recently achieved lifelong ambition to become a dairy farmer was about to be smashed as the new lower quotas would soon bankrupt his business.

After many sleepless nights, he and his wife Brenda hit upon the idea of making ice-cream from their Guernsey herd as there was almost no production of real dairy ice-cream *at that time*.

After advice from the Ice-Cream Alliance, the producers and retailers trade association, they made their first batch one rainy Sunday and they gave it away to passers-by. Now about 30 per cent of their milk yield goes into producing up to 2,000 litres a day of Brymor Real Dairy Ice-Cream at the Moores' present farm at High Jervaulx, near Masham, in Wensleydale.

Mr Moore, now 58 years old, was an electrical engineer before going into farming part-time in 1973 and turning full-time 12 years ago.

He says: "I'd always wanted to farm since I was a boy. Our original farm at Weeton, near Leeds, was 100 acres with a 100 Guernsey dairy cows.

"Under the quotas we had to halve production there and the *value of the cattle I'd bought* for £500 each dropped to £250. It was not a question of 'will making real diary ice-cream work?' It had to."

The start-up costs were £20,000 to produce 180 litres of ice-cream daily.

"We got the recipe right from the word go," Mr Moore says. "There is no room for guesswork and everything is weighed to the last gram. The only change was switching from butter to double cream to make it richer. If you increase *the butter content it gives a* greasy taste."

Brymor has won Ice-Cream Alliance and National Farmers Union awards. Mr Moore has never done any sales "rapping", apart from initially persuading a few favourite restaurants and hotels in Harrogate and Knaresborough to stock the brand. Its popularity spread by word of mouth.

The distribution area runs from Llangollen, Clwyd, across to Skegness, in Lincolnshire, and from Hexham, Northumberland, to Welwyn, in Hertfordshire. A wholesaler sells it in London and Cardiff. It is also set to be launched in Scotland after an Edinburgh wholesaler chanced to stop by while on a Dales holiday.

It takes about three hours to *make a mix. Milk, cream,* sugar, dextrose, skimmed milk powder (to balance the extra cream), emulsifiers and stabilisers are combined in a pasteuriser and then cooled. Aging varies, and freezing takes two to three more hours.

Mr Moore says: "The ice-cream is as natural as natural can be. Our fruit flavours come from Italy; they're the best pure fruit pulps, specially heat-treated for ice-cream. If you add fresh fruit directly, such as local strawberries, problems occur, such as inconsistent colour.

"We've toured Italy and the America, studying ice-cream production techniques. Afterwards we introduced the frozen yoghurt and Big Country ranges. For the latter we *import sauces and nuts from* the United States and Canada."

Their unexpected business success forced them to move farms. Harrogate Borough Council, which originally gave the project its blessing, refused retrospective planning permission for a visitors' car park, saying the shop attracted too much traffic.

There followed an acrimonious five-year planning battle, with two public enquiries, which the Moores lost. Their £150,000 legal costs again threatened bankruptcy.

The Moores spotted High Jervaulx Farm during a delivery round, and both felt this was to be their new base. *Several bank interviews later* a loan was raised (thanks to a sound business plan) to buy the 225-acre farm, now stocked with a 120-strong milking herd and 70 heifers.

Mr Moore advises that anyone wishing to start a similar venture must have a dedication to quality, enough energy for 16-hour working days and, of course, a full grasp of all planning issues.

He says: "The best way to come out of the kind of experience we've had is to be better than before."

PETER ELSON

● *The Brymor ice-cream parlour at High Jervaulx Farm is on the A6108 between Masham and Middleham, North Yorkshire (0677 60337).*

AZADOUR GUZELIAN



Brian and Brenda Moore on their farm with one of their herd of dairy cows

Uncork a bargain sip

Jane MacQuitty pours out her wine sales bargains

TAKE extra care with the January wine sales. Having studied the 1994 form, I find there are some astoundingly good bargains, especially among fine vintage wines, but there are plenty of dreary, past-their-best runners, too.

Studying the small print is the first step to securing a bargain when ordering sale wine by mail. Do the prices quoted include VAT and delivery, and are there full cases of 12 bottles, 24 halves or six magnums on offer? Last year, one merchant's prices looked keen until I realised the "case" offered contained only six bottles. Avoid, too, bin ends featuring 11 bottles only; someone has tasted the 12th and found it wanting.

Make sure,too, that you have all the cut-price lists for high street outlets; the prices of fine wines here often undercut those of wine merchants.

Having said that, I would be amazed if any high street competitor could match the mail-order prices of Laytons, in northwest London, for vintage after vintage of great clarets, plus a first-class but limited range of burgundy, champagne and vintage port. Plunder such gems as '90 Beychevelle (£13.70), '88 Lagrange (£8.71), '86 Palmer (£22.52), and the pricier bottles, including '83 Latour (£43) and '85 Latour (£34). Half bottles seem extraordinarily good value, particularly the '89 Cos d' Estournel and '89 Figeac, both £8.08, and the '88 Léoville Barton (£5.87) and '89 Grand Puy Lacoste (£5.38).

BURGUNDY bibbers will relish Dujac, Arnaud Rousseau and Ponsot burgundies, but I am more likely to buy the under-stated Deutz non-vintage champagne, a snip at £13.61, and vintage ports such as Warre '83 (£10.57) and Cockburn '85 (£13.02).

Prices throughout the Laytons sale list are mostly a third, sometimes a half, less than usual, much coming from the £3 million cellar of Atkinson Baldwin's distressed stock which Laytons was appointed to dispose of last year.

Laytons will be holding a fine wine sale January 5-9.

Majestic Wine Warehouse's sale also concentrates on distressed stock, in this instance from a Channel Islands company, with 5,500 cases of almost 300 different wines, principally claret and port, with the odd burgundy, Alsace and champagne bottles. Majestic's top 25 warehouses will carry only a few cases of each of the biggest bins at its sale starting on January 15. With luck, you should be able to snap up a bottle or two of the likes of '85 Beychevelle (£16.99), '88 Ducru Beaucaillou (£19.99), '88 Figeac (£19.99), '86 Lascombes (£13.99), '88 Palmer (£19.99), and acclaimed ports such as Taylor's and Graham's '85, both at £16.99.

If you are after fine and rare growers' wines, try Bibendum, in northwest London, whose sale continues until February 26. Here you have snips from Italy, Spain, California, the Rhône and leading domaine-bottled burgundy from growers such as Lucien Boillot, Méo-Camuzet, Leflaive and Vocoret in Chablis.



Time for a bargain bottle at Bibendum in London

Good buys here include '90 Saintsbury Pinot Noir Reservé (£15.99), '86 Hermitage Le Greal, Marc Sorrel (£9.25), '92 Stoneleigh Sauvignon Blanc (£3.99). Burgundy bargains abound, such as Boillot's splendid '90 Bourgogne Rouge (£5.99) and Meo-Camuzet's '89 Nuits St Georges, Aux Murgers (£27). Look out, too, for fine, cut-price tawny ports, including Graham's ten-year-old (£10.99), 20-year-old (£21) and '79 Malvedos (£12.99).

For a comprehensive range of cut-price classics, try the Lay & Wheeler 440-bin sale, January 4-31. Bordeaux, Burgundy, Alsace, the Rhône and Champagne get good coverage, as does Germany and the antipodes. There is a good clutch of golden Bordeaux vintages, including '88, '89, '90, '86, '85 and even the '82s. Go for the '90 Cos d'Estournel, '88 Lynch Bages, both at £20.95, the Cissac '83 (£9.49) and, if you are flush, great '82s such as Ducru Beaucaillou (£35.94) and Léoville-Las Cases (£36.95). Leflaive, Grivot and Dujac burgundies, Guigal, Jaboulet and Jasmin rhônes also merit attention.

DILIGENT bargain hunters will *want to try* Corney & Barrow's curiously entitled "Bang Two" postal and fax sale (no telephone orders), whose eclectic range includes '86 Richotey (£5), and Adnams, of Suffolk, whose modest discounts look most appetising from top Rhône growers.

John Harvey and Sons of Bristol have bin ends as diverse as Latour '77 (£17.50), '83 Cos d' Estournel (£14.75) and '52 Ducru Beaucaillou (£40). The sale starts on January 22.

● *Laytons, 20 Midland Road, London NW1 (071-388 5081). Majestic Wine Warehouses (0923 816999). Bibendum, 113 Regents Park Road, London NW1 (071-722 5577). Lay & Wheeler, 6 Culver Street West, Colchester, Essex (0206 764467/76767). Corney & Barrow, 12 Helmet Row, London EC1 (fax, 071-608 1373; phone, 071-251 4051). Adnams, The Crown, High Street, Southwold, Suffolk (0502 724222). John Harvey and Sons, 12 Denmark Street, Bristol (0272 268882).*



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In Copenhagen itself, the best ice-cream is Swiss, available at a booth in the Stréget. Mövenpick is a choice mass-produced ice-cream which has provided me with sensual satisfaction from Leipzig to Auckland. It is even available in Switzerland.

Where there is no work of reference, I explore. In Las Vegas (not the gambling hell in Nevada, but its alter ego in New Mexico) I have basked in the delights of the old-fashioned Lickety-Split parlour only yards from the place where Doc Holliday had his final shoot-out.

Wandering in Las Palmas, in the Canaries, I came upon a tiny establishment which provided a home-made fruit and nut to make the eyes water in ecstasy. In Odessa, Ukraine, next to the celebrated steps that appeared in *The Battleship Potemkin*, I found a co-operative store where, for a few kopecks, I overdosed on a vanilla that almost equalled Salt Lake City's.

It is, of course, essential to learn the name of ice-cream in whatever country one happens to be. In the Latin lands that is simple enough: *glace, gelato, helado*. In Hungarian, a law unto itself, the word for ice-cream is *fagylalt*. My dedication to the delectable comestible is proved by my achievement, in Prague, of not only discovering the Czech name *(zmrzlina)* but even learning to pronounce it.

In Hebrew the word is *g'lida* and, with its assistance, I have gorged myself on Jewish ice-cream. A grim industrial suburb adjoining the Israeli seaside town of Herzliyya is notable for a gourmand's paradise named Dr Leck ("*leck*" being Yiddish for "lick").

Dr Leck is not the only ice-cream parlour to merge a breakfast food with ice-cream. At a homely establishment called Mary's in Portland, Maine, I had grapenut ice-cream, and very nice, too. I can also boast of having had ice-cream for breakfast.

Returning last month from the United States as a first-class overnight passenger on British Airways, I noted that the sumptuous dinner menu climaxed with green-tea ice-cream, a flavour I had not tasted since my Kyoto experience. It is my invariable practice on long flights to take two pills and sleep away the journey. On the other hand, I did not wish to miss the ice-cream. The deeply caring stewards solved my dilemma. As the aeroplane approached Britain's shores, I was woken with a frozen *petit déjeuner*.

From America's Pacific shore to the Arabian Sea and beyond (including India, which has its own idiosyncratically grainy variety), the world is an ice-cream paradise waiting to be explored and exploited. My dream is to compile the definitive and authoritative intercontinental, transoceanic and stratospheric guide to ice-cream. Only the surely temporary absence of a visionary publisher stands between the world and the book it really needs.

Dishes with a glow

Frances Bissell presents some warming dishes — and a wickedly sweet and sticky ginger cake



The TIMES *COOK*

The parties are over, you're tired, and you probably never want to see another canapé. With luck, even the leftovers are finished. It is time for soothing food; food for warmth and comfort. And some traditional food, too.

I have included a cake recipe, because teatime for me is a sublimely soothing interlude. I make scones and serve cake or, if I'm on my own, I eat bananas on toast, which I love. Ginger cake has become a passion this winter; really gingery, sweet and sticky. This is not a recipe which adapts to a low-fat, low-sugar version, as these are the ingredients which make it distinctive.

I look to Italy for inspiration for the other recipes. New Year's food there always includes something from the pig. The best of these somethings is *cotecchino*, a boiling-sausage made from minced pork, seasonings and pork rind — a good excuse to eat mashed potatoes.

The last time I ate *cotecchino* was in the Ristorante Regina in Cocconato d'Asti, a small village in Monferrato, Piemonte. Made by Signor Guido Ferrero, a *maestro salumaio*, it was served with a fine purée of potatoes, to which he had added a little *fonduta* (melted cheese sauce).

Many cuisines have a chicken and rice dish, often served on festive occasions, and Piemonte is no exception. The recipe which follows is based on the dish Signora Beppina Bava serves to her family for special Sunday lunches. She grates white truffles over the dish just before serving, but nutmeg also provides a good seasoning.

In the Bava household, we drank Bava wines; I would recommend any good Barbera d' Asti with the chicken dish.

Potato and cheese purée
(serves 4-6)

2lb/900g potato
4-8tbsp warm milk
6oz/170g Fontina cheese, sliced
1-2tbsp softened butter
salt, pepper

Peel and boil the potatoes until soft, and then push through a ricer or *mouli-légumes*. Otherwise, mash with the warm milk. Stir in the cheese and the butter, and beat until incorporated. Season to taste. Serve with *cotecchino*, *zampone*, pork chops or roast pork.

"Riso e gallina"
(Rice and chicken)
(serves 6-8)

4lb/1.80kg free-range, mature chicken
1 celery stalk, finely chopped
1 shallot, peeled and chopped
2 cloves garlic, peeled and finely chopped
2oz/60g butter or extra virgin olive oil
¼ pt/140ml dry white wine, preferably sparkling
14-18oz/400-500g risotto rice
4 free-range egg yolks
½ pt/280ml whipping or double cream
salt, pepper
nutmeg

Remove any excess fat from the bird's cavity and put it in a large stockpot, together with aromatics, such as a slice or two of fresh ginger, a bayleaf or two, a sliver of lemon zest, a celery stalk. Cover with water and bring slowly to the boil. Turn down the heat to the merest simmer and cook until the chicken is tender, about 50-60 minutes, somewhat longer if you are using a boiling fowl.

Meanwhile, gently fry the celery, shallot and garlic in the butter or oil until soft. Stir in the wine, and cook until evaporated. Stir in the rice and, when it is well-coated, add a ladleful of boiling chicken stock, poured from the chicken pot into a smaller saucepan. When it has been absorbed, add another ladleful, continuing in this way until the rice is almost cooked.

Beat egg yolks and cream, and cook over a low heat until thickened, taking care not to let it curdle. Take the chicken out of the pot, and remove the meat in large slivers.

Finish cooking the rice, and season; it should be tender but not sloppy. Remove it from the heat. Stir in half the sauce, and heap the rice into a hot bowl, serving platter or tureen. Arrange the chicken pieces around the edges, and trickle the rest of the sauce over the rice. A grating of white truffles turns this dish into a feast.

Baked onions
(serves 6)

Take six medium onions and cut the stalk ends level. Place on a baking sheet and bake until soft, for about an hour at 200C/400F, gas mark 6. Cut off lids, scoop out most of the centre, leaving one or two layers as a wall. Blend the onion until smooth, mix with a little cream or grated cheese, or if you have it, potato and cheese purée, and return to the oven for five to ten minutes for the flavours to mingle.

Serve as a separate course, or as an accompaniment.

GINGER cake will be paler or darker according to the sugar and syrup you use. Granulated, Demerara, light or dark muscovado, or even molasses sugar will give bulk to the cake; the stickiness is provided by the syrup. Golden syrup, molasses or one of the palm sugars, or jaggery.

The cake keeps well, in fact improves over a few days, but the mixture makes such a good hot pudding that I usually make a large quantity of cake batter, bake a cake with a little over half the mixture, and pour the rest into a cake tin, which is first liberally buttered and sugared. A layer of sliced figs, pears or apples is first laid in the bottom of the tin.

When cooked — about 20 minutes at 180C/350F, gas mark 4 — the ginger fruit pudding is turned out upside down on to a plate. Serve it with yoghurt, *crème fraîche*, or the Piemontese cream pudding, *panna cotta* (see last week's column for recipe).

Ginger cake
(makes a cake of 6-8 pieces and a pudding for 4-6, as described above)

8oz/230g unsalted butter, softened
8oz/230g sugar (see above)
8oz/230g Golden Syrup, or other syrup, warmed
4 free-range eggs, lightly beaten
10oz/280g self-raising flour
1tsp ground ginger
½ tsp ground allspice
2tsp freshly grated ginger
2oz/60g chopped crystallised or preserved ginger
1tbsp plain Greek yoghurt
½ tsp baking powder

Cream the butter and sugar, and add the syrup. Beat thoroughly and add the eggs and flour, alternately. Lastly, blend in the gingers, spice, yoghurt and baking powder. Divide the batter between a greased floured cake tin and a prepared pudding tin, as described earlier. Bake in the top half of a pre-heated oven at 150C/300F, gas mark 3, for about 30-40 minutes, until a skewer poked into the middle comes out clean.

HERE are two more teatime favourites, to be served hot:

Crumpets
(serves 4)

1tsp dried yeast
¾ pt/430ml water
pinch of sugar
scant tsp salt
10oz/280g plain flour
pinch of sugar

Sprinkle the yeast on to half pint/280ml warm water and add the sugar. When the yeast is bubbling, stir in the flour and salt and mix until you have a smooth, soft dough or firm batter. Cover with a damp cloth and leave to rise in a warm, draught-free place for an hour or so. Warm the rest of the water and stir it into the mixture until you have a looser batter. Cover and let it prove for ten to 15 minutes more.

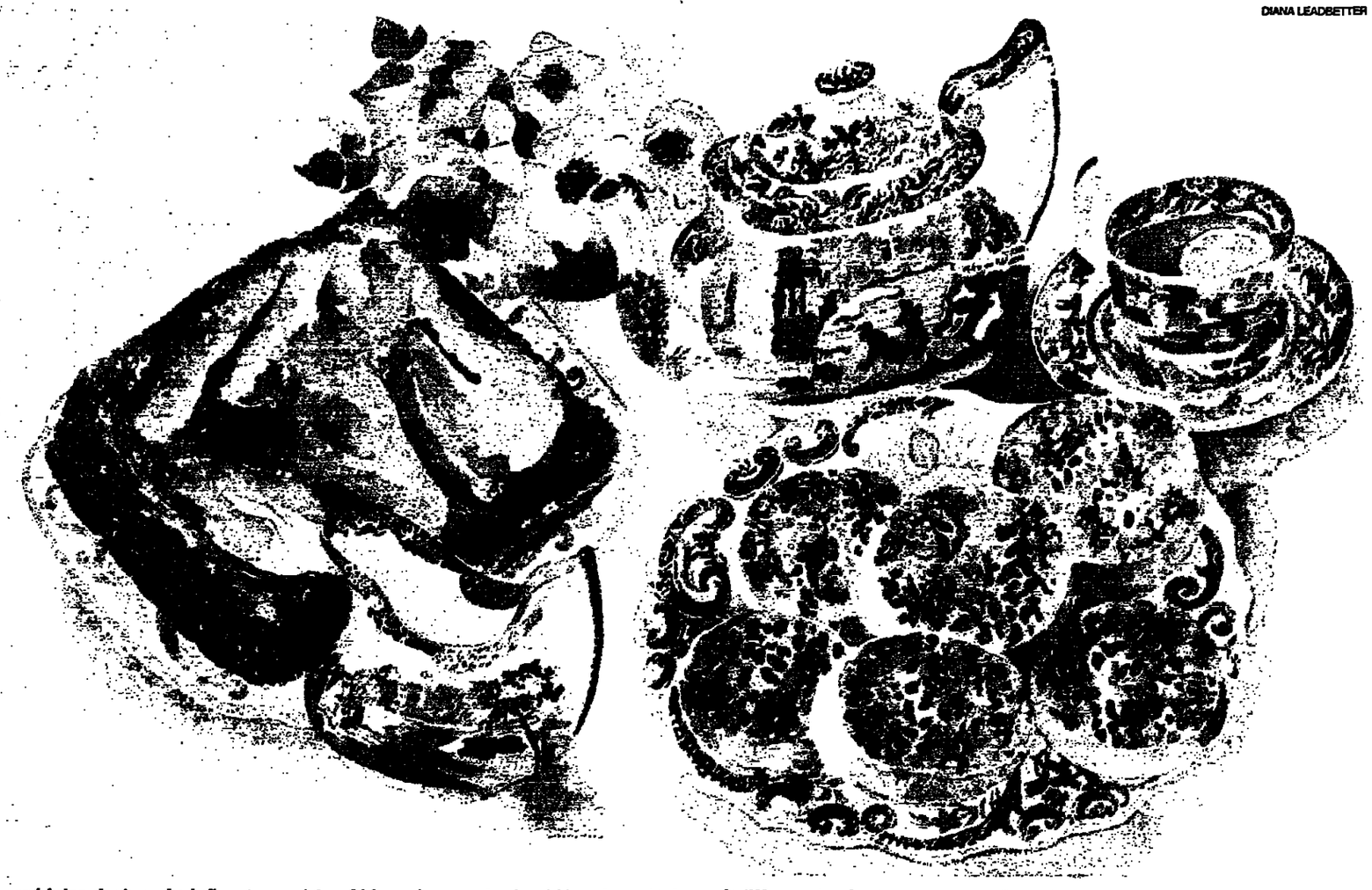
Have the griddle hot and greased, with the crumpet rings in place. Pour in batter to half fill the rings. (Crumpet rings can be made by folding baking parchment into several thicknesses, about 1in/2.5cm deep and stapling together.) Cook until holes appear on the top, the surface is dry and the underside browned. Remove and keep them warm in a cloth-lined basket until you have cooked the rest of the crumpets.

Scotch pancakes
(makes about 18)

½lb/230g plain flour
1tbsp baking powder
pinch of salt
8oz/280ml milk
1 free-range egg
2tbsp melted butter
2tbsp caster sugar

Sift the dry ingredients into a bowl and stir in the liquids. Beat until you have a thick batter of a dropping consistency. Have the griddle or pan hot and greased. Spoon the mixture on to the surface, a tablespoon at a time, cooking three or four pancakes at once. When the underside is smoothly brown, and the top surface dry and bubbled, turn and cook on the other side.

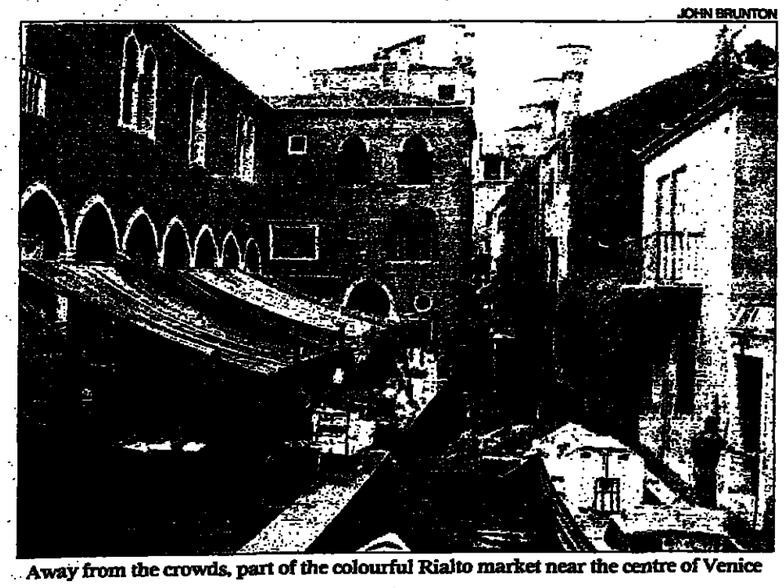
DIANA LEADBETTER



Market for starry-eyed chefs

John Brunton explores the freshest food pleasures of the Rialto market in Venice

JOHN BRUNTON



Away from the crowds, part of the colourful Rialto market near the centre of Venice

When you get a group of great chefs together for a business meeting it is hard to keep them away from food. This was the case when the Relais et Châteaux group held its annual conference in Venice. Exploring new markets and discovering different produce is always exciting for chefs, and each morning the city's Rialto market was filled with the Michelin stars playing truant from the seminars.

I spotted Bernard Loiseau, the man rapidly replacing Bocuse as France's most famous chef; André Daguin, from Gascony, known as the king of foie gras; Olivier Roellinger, elected Chef of the Year by Gault et Millau; and Michel Roux, of the Waterside Inn at Bray, Berkshire.

The Rialto market displays fish and vegetables you'll see nowhere else in Italy, and concentrates on serving the local population.

The "Mercato di Rialto" starts about 100 yards from the famous bridge, occupying a bend in the Grand Canal. This has always been the commercial heart of the city, and the sprawling square and narrow alleyways that once made a marketplace for exotic spices and silks from the Orient are now a colourful showcase for the products that distinguish Venetian cuisine from other Italian regions: fish and seafood from the Adriatic, vegetables from the islands of the lagoon, game from forests on the mainland, mushrooms from Croatia.

In a sense, little has changed at the market since the Middle Ages, as each morning at 4am long transport boats chug down the Grand Canal to unload their wares. The centre of the market is a covered loggia occupied by the fish market. Surrounding that are dozens of fruit and vegetable stalls, and dotted around the nearby cobbled streets are the butchers' shops where, in the hunting season, the windows are full of pheasants, quail, venison, wild boar and tiny birds that non-Italians might wish to ignore.

Venetian cuisine is about fish and vegetables, rather than meat, and it is in the "pescaria" that the fun really begins. On the façade of the fish market is an ancient sign that details the minimum lengths of fish to be sold: sardines 7cm, bream 12cm, eels 25cm.

Most of the fish and seafood comes from the Adriatic or the lagoon. Venetian diners are not as fussy as others about the degree of pollution in their waters, and are proud of their *vongola*, razor clams, and the expensive *molecho* — tiny shore crabs, bred in the shallow waters of the lagoon and sold for only a few weeks in spring and autumn as they lose their shells.

The season's speciality at the moment is a strange butterfly-looking creature, the cannochia — the mantis shrimp — which is difficult to extract from its shell, but delicious with *cicchetti*, tapas served simply with olive oil and flat parsley. There is always a selection of sea bass, John Dory, turbot, dentes, angler fish, and eel. Prices can vary from stall to stall, because freshness is prized above all, and the fishmonger who doesn't sell one day is forced to cut his prices the next.



The freshness of food is prized above everything

Opposite the Pescaria is a typical osteria, Vini de Finto, a good place to sample some of the produce from the market. The owner serves wines from his own vineyard in the Veneto, and delicious titbits of prawn, baby octopus, sardine, grilled squid and baccala.

The colours of the vegetable market change with the season. Now it is orange and red, with the arrival of tangerines from Sicily, giant pumpkins to make *gnocchi di zucca* and red caddichio lettuces from nearby Treviso. Come spring, the stalls will be laden with green and white asparagus from Bassano del Grappa.

No Venetian would think of buying food for the coming week, and stallholders never refuse someone wanting, say, two tomatoes or three carrots. The key word is *nostrano* (our own), applying to vegetables from San Erasmo, the market garden island of the lagoon, where sea salt in the soil gives vegetables a distinct flavour.

There have been proposals to move the market far from the centre of the city, but a morning spent wandering around here makes it clear the locals will never give up their beloved Rialto market.

● *The Rialto market is open Tues-Sat, 8am-1pm. Books:* Mediterranean Sea Food *by Alan Davidson (Penguin, £10.99).* La Lucina dell Veneto (Edizioni Mida) *is sold in Venice, written in English and Italian, about £7.*

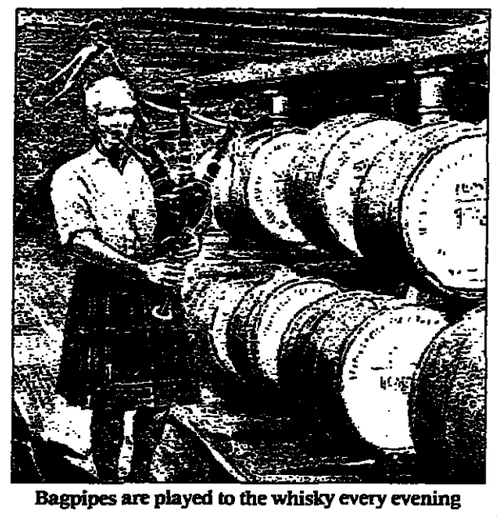
WIN A WEEKEND IN SCOTLAND WITH THE TIMES

Aberlour Hogmanay Quiz

If you like your whisky and know your Scotland these 50 questions could be the key to a wonderful weekend

TODAY is your last chance to enter the Aberlour Hogmanay Quiz. This year's competition is bigger, harder, more detailed and longer than ever before. And it now encompasses more subjects testing your knowledge of all things Scottish.

The top prize is a tailor-made weekend for two in Scotland, catering to the winner's personal tastes. Everyone who gets all the answers right will receive a miniature bottle of Aberlour Single Malt and even those who make mistakes will receive a voucher entitling them to £2 off their next bottle of Aberlour. Today, all 50 questions are reprinted below.



Bagpipes are played to the whisky every evening

HOW TO ENTER

Simply answer the 50 questions reprinted below and send them with your name and address to: The Times/Aberlour Hogmanay Quiz, 18-19 Whitefriars Street, London, EC88 2NG, to arrive no later than Monday, January 10, 1994. The winner will be chosen from all correct entries received by this date. Normal Times Newspaper competition rules apply.

ABERLOUR HOGMANAY QUIZ QUESTIONS

SPORT

1. Who, in recent years, has represented Scotland at both football and cricket?
2. Who scored a penalty to take Scotland to the 1978 World Cup, but, once there, missed one?
3. Name three racing drivers with Scottish towns in their names.
4. Who won the women's 10,000 metres at the 1991 World Championships in Tokyo?
5. Who was the last Scottish athlete to win an Olympic gold medal?
6. In which two years has Edinburgh hosted the Commonwealth Games?
7. Which football team has been sponsored by Aberlour Single Malt?
8. Which Scottish cyclist has smashed records on his home-made bike?
9. When do salmon fishers stop using shrimps on their lines?
10. Which is the shortest of the St. Andrews' golf courses?

HISTORY

11. Where did Mary Queen of Scots last sleep in Scotland, before leaving for France from Solway in 1568?
12. Which saint made a sign of the cross to save a servant from an attack by Nessie, the Loch Ness monster?
13. When was the Aberlour distillery founded?
14. As well as English, many languages have been used in Scotland throughout history. Name three?
15. Where are the ancient headquarters of the Campbells?
16. Who did Robert the Bruce murder in 1306, in order to be crowned King of the Scots and Robert I?
17. How old was James II when he was crowned and anointed?
18. Name Scotland's most celebrated Victorian missionary and explorer.
19. Who was "the uncrowned King of Scotland"?
20. Which member of the current Royal family was born at Glamis Castle?

GEOGRAPHY

21. How many rivers feed into Loch Ness?
22. What does the word Aber in Aberlour mean?
23. To the nearest five miles, how long is the River Spey?
24. Which Scottish town is the historical home of freemasonry?
25. What is the highest point on the Island of Skye?
26. Which is the highest distillery in Scotland?
27. Which are the three main islands in the Firth of Clyde?
28. Name six Islay distilleries?
29. Where is Prince Charles's Cave?
30. How many local government areas are there in Scotland?

ART AND LITERATURE

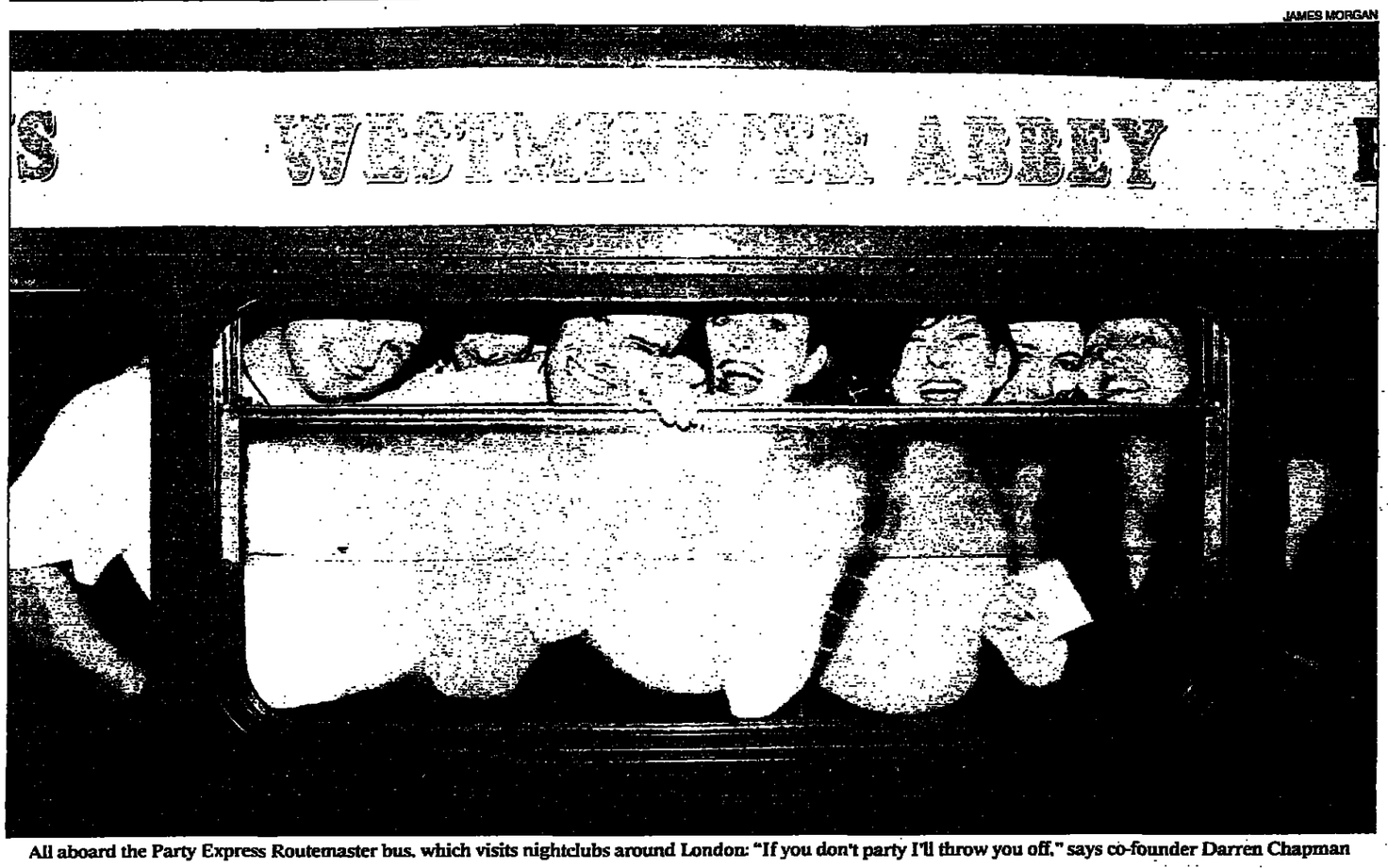
31. Where did Shakespeare locate the murder of *Macbeth's* Duncan?
32. Who wrote *Whisky Galore*?
33. Where did George Orwell write *1984*?
34. According to Burns, what "gang the gither with whisky"?
35. Sir James Barrie wrote many works. Which is his best known?
36. How is the memory of Burns inadvertently kept alive every New Year's Eve?
37. Robert Louis Stevenson did not follow in the family line when he became a writer. What was the profession of his grandfather and father?
38. Which gallery will you find on the second floor of the Royal Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh?
39. Which of Salvador Dali's paintings can be found in Glasgow's Museum and Art Gallery?
40. According to a local Speyside legend, what "leapt" from the water when casks of Aberlour one year fell into the River Spey?

FOOD AND DRINK

41. What is a black bun?
42. What is a Finnan Haddie?
43. Two of Scotland's greatest consumable exports come from the village of Aberlour. One is the single malt whisky. What is the other?
44. Which single malt is produced at Scotland's smallest distillery?
45. What is traditionally stuffed to make haggis?
46. Which wood is traditionally used to smoke salmon on the west coast of Scotland?
47. To what tea does Michael Jackson compare Islay malt whiskies?
48. In which shop would you buy a Selkirk bannock?
49. At what age is Aberlour Single Malt most commonly bottled?
50. The Keepers of the Quaich, the most exclusive of whisky clubs, now approve of specific whiskies being drunk with specific gastronomic dishes. Which single malt do they recommend with lamb in madeira sauce?

ABERLOUR

JAMES MORGAN



All aboard the Party Express Routemaster bus, which visits nightclubs around London: "If you don't party I'll throw you off," says co-founder Darren Chapman

Hold very tight now

Tim Marsh pays his fare, climbs aboard the double-decker party bus, and watches the ice break as the bell rings for a night of non-stop, high-speed clubbing around London

It's 7.30pm on Saturday night, and there's a stand-off at Austin's Bar in the Cumberland Hotel, central London. Huddled amid the ferns a delegation from the Alternative Trainspotters sits in stony silence, fingering deafeningly loud ties, and staring gloomily at the animated crowd of young men and women from the London commodities exchange pointedly ignoring them from the other side of the bar.

Neither group knows the other, a condition which looks likely to remain permanent. So why have they all paid £20 a head to spend the night together?

It's Party Express's fault. The latest idea in clubbing for the restless Nineties means you need never again be bored with the local DJ playing the same old tunes to the same old faces. Instead, simply book a seat on board Party Express's double-decker disco and shuttle between four of London's top venues on the same night.

Not only does the basic fare guarantee free entry into all the clubs, no queuing, and no hassles from doormen, but the on-board PA system offers the chance to strut your stuff on the top deck of a Routemaster while bowling through London.

"It's like being on holiday without the weather," claims co-founder Darren Chapman, brimming with confidence despite the failure of tonight's "Get to Know Each Other" session. "We get all sorts from all age groups. Everything from hen, birthday and office parties to couples, even singles. At first they usually stick together with the group they came with. But wait and see. By the second club I guarantee everyone will be dancing with each other like they've known each other all their lives. Besides I'm ruthless. If you don't party I'll throw you off."

At 8.15pm the bus arrives, decorated with party faces and stuffed with balloons. A loud cheer goes up from the commodities traders who immediately commandeer the lower deck, while the Alternative Trainspotters file meekly upstairs. Shaggy's "Oh Carolina" blares through the loudspeakers. Annie Illett, 29, a sales and marketing analyst at the commodities exchange, is instantly on her feet. "We're celebrating a friend's twenty-sixth birthday," she says. "We didn't just want to go to a club. This sounded really fun and different."

The party atmosphere doesn't seem to have permeated upstairs yet. "We're a social club for men and women in their twenties and thirties. We do things like skiing and bungee jumping and go to discos. Our motto is 'Nerd-Free Zone'," explains the chief Alternative Trainspotter, soberly staring out of the window.

"Everyone upstairs," Mr Chapman immediately announces, "I don't want to see anyone sitting down." Balloons fly everywhere. The whole bus starts dancing. But more importantly, as we sway round each corner everyone grabs hold of the nearest person for support. The ice between the two camps is broken.

Outside cars hoot and pedestrians wave, until 15 minutes later the bus halts at tonight's first venue, the trendy Buzz Bar in Leicester Square. Like a Pied Piper for the rave generation Mr Chapman leads his prancing followers straight inside, much to the annoyance of the considerable crowd patiently queuing.

"We vary the clubs each night," Mr Chapman explains as the entire party takes over the already packed dance floor. "People who come regularly will always visit different clubs. No underground raves though. These are all fun, smart venues — no jeans. And the music will always be stuff that makes you want to dance."





You can go on strutting your stuff on the top deck between clubs

An hour later it's time to undertake the second leg of the expedition. The DJ announces the bus is leaving, and the Party Express team streams through the Buzz Bar rounding up stragglers.

"We've never left anyone behind," claims Mr Chapman. "Though occasionally people will meet someone or like the club so much they want to stay."

Then it's all aboard for Cheers in Wimbledon, a small but funky club 20 minutes south of the Thames, boasting a lively young crowd. We get busy trying to master the art of dancing on a moving double decker. (The secret is to press your palms against the ceiling and wiggle your bottom about.)

"We do take safety precautions," Mr Chapman insists. "We don't allow any smoking or alcohol on board. We do keep a close eye on everyone, and insurance wise everyone's covered pretty much to unlimited liability."

Showing no signs of flagging the party then chugs up to the snazzy Broadway Boulevard in Ealing for another hour of disco madness, before heading back to Leicester Square and the VIP room of the state of the art Equinox club at 1am.

By now limbs are tiring, and the dancing is less frenetic. Sometime after 2am, the chief Alternative Trainspotter emerges beaming, *from the dance floor for the last* time and announces: "We've had a great time. The bus is what makes the evening. There's such a good atmosphere; so friendly."

And the traders? "We've hired the bus to take us back to Essex where a lot of us live," birthday boy Mark Falco laughs. "This party is just beginning."

● *Party Express details and booking, 071-481 2571. Cost £20-25 a head, book at least two weeks in advance.*

MY PERFECT WEEKEND

MIKE McSHANE

Comedian



Where would you go?
The Highlands, just outside the seaside town of Carmel in California. The Highlands is an area of beautiful forest, high on the cliffs above the ocean. Three miles from Carmel is Monterey Bay, where the migrating whales come close to the shore. Monterey also has one of the best salt water aquariums in the world.

How would you get there?
By plane to San Francisco, and then by convertible to Monterey.

Where would you stay?
At the Highlands Inn, where Madonna and Sean Penn spent their honeymoon, if I could afford it. It's very romantic. You stay in a private bungalow which has a sunken hot tub, a sauna, a fireplace and a refrigerator full of goodies — chocolates, cookies, salted nuts and candied popcorn. The four-star restaurant serves the best crème brûlée you will ever eat.

Who would be your perfect companion?
My honey Karen since she travels so well, and has the best sense of humour when on the road.

What essential piece of clothing or kit would you take?
I have a small plastic owl that I take with me when I travel. It was from my mother and I use it for good luck and safety and go flash-point when I can't find it.

What medicines would accompany you?
Various herbal medicines.

What would you have to eat?
Crème brûlée and take-away.

What would you drink?
Champagne.

Which books would you take to read?
I probably wouldn't. There is too much to see, and I could always draw to relax. I do pencil sketches, pen and ink and pen and brush.

What music would you listen to?
Compilation tapes by my friends Pete and Jen who make them as gifts. Diverse and quirky, they include music by Cyd Strawe and Elvis Costello.

What would you watch on television?
The Larry Sanders Show and The Giants baseball team.

Would you play any games or sport?
Oh please.

What luxury would you take?
A huge tiger-stripe terry cloth bathrobe.

What piece of art would you like to have there?
You don't need art there — nature does pretty well.

Who would be your least welcome guest?
Anyone who says, "Do you really make it up?"

Which newspapers or journals would you read?
The *International Herald Tribune*, *Mondo 2000* (speculative fiction about computer technology) and *The Nose*, a San Francisco satire magazine.

What three things would you leave behind?
Two lonely kittens and dirty laundry.

What three things would you most like to do?
1. Go to the Monterey Bay Aquarium and have sex — people will think I'm a humpback whale. 2. Go to the woods and have sex. 3. Sit in a hot bath and think about the Aquarium and the woods and smile a lot.

Who would you send a postcard to?
Nobody.

What souvenir would you bring home?
Some fishy gifts from the little store at the Aquarium which sells things like fish socks.

What would you like to find when you got home?
Lots of cheques and a bursting answering machine.

Interview by ***Rosanna Greenstreet***

● Broadway Stories, *a ten-week series of Damon Runyon stories narrated by Mike McShane, begins tonight on Channel 4 at 11.05pm.*



What the papers said:

Derwent May's bookbuyers' guide



What were the books that almost got away? By that I mean the books that literary editors only found a little space for at the end of the year, after all the choices had been chosen and the round-ups done and the Christmas stories printed. They might never have been reviewed, if there had not been those gaps to fill, but now their authors can breathe a sigh of relief.

Poetry comes in handy for lit. eds. at such times, and James Fenton's new collection, *Out of Danger* (Penguin, £7.50), got a good many last-minute mentions. Adam Thorpe in *The Observer* called Fenton "a supple tenor charming us with ballads and lyrics" but did not find in him "the bass growl of the titans". In *The Sunday Times*, Sean O'Brien said: "Fenton seems to be arriving at something new — a declamatory, live-action poetry where *realpolitik* and sinister nonsense collide ... The book would make a tremendous pamphlet."

A much more enthusiastic Hilary Corke observed in *The Spectator* that "when the same person is a Vietnam war reporter and a master of the modern ballad, one has to struggle slightly to evade the dread epithet 'Renaissance man'"; while Anthony Thwaite in *The Observer* said that Fenton veers "from the most naked love lyrics to hypnotic, cunningly crazy flights of rhetoric" and unreservedly declared it "a wonderful book".

Thwaite also praised D.J. Enright's new volume of poems, *Old Men and Comets* (Oxford, £6.99): "A typical Enright mixture of hilarity and gloom, ready to cheer anyone up with its sardonic nods and becks and wreathed smiles."

Graham Greene got a late look-in. Carcanet Press is mainly a poetry publisher, but last year it brought out a collection of Greene's film writings called *Mornings in the Dark* (edited by David Parkinson, £29.95) which snapped up a few December columns.

Dilys Powell in *The Daily Telegraph* said that "with the passage of time, it has become apparent that Greene's critical writing about the cinema is almost as important as his contribution to the art itself". Jenny Turner in *The Guardian* found the bad reviews that Greene gave to some late-1930s films most illuminating. In *The Sunday Times*, Anthony Quinn declared that Greene's film reviews were "among the most trenchant, witty and memorable one is ever likely to read".

A living film-maker, Peter Greenaway, might have been less pleased that *The Sunday Times* found room to review his book *Rosa* (Dis Voir, £12.45). Nick Hornby was not even sure what it was: "*Rosa* is a Peter Greenaway novel. Or opera. Or stage notes for an opera. Or something." As for its plot, Rosa is a Brazilian composer who is killed, after which "a taxidermist removes the intestines of Rosa's favourite horse, replaces them with Rosa's mistress, and sows *[he must have meant "sews"] the* horse up again. The dead Rosa is placed on the horse with a stake up his anus ... Why would a grown man wish to spend months of his life writing this book?" asked Hornby, amazed.

David Twiston Davies in *The Sunday Telegraph* picked out another odd book but enjoyed it more. This was *The Reminiscences of the Hon. Galahad Threepwood* (Porpoise, £12.99), a Wodehousian sequel by Colonel Norman Murphy which "resurrects the memoirs of Lord Emsworth's brother Gally, which were supposedly consumed by his Lordship's pig in the 1933 Wodehouse classic *Heavy Weather*". "Is it top-hole?" had to be the question, said Twiston Davies — and "up to a point, must be the answer".

James Bond's licence to make a killing

Collectors will pay handsomely for souvenirs of the career of 007, from an Aston Martin to an Airfix kit

"JAMES Bond," says 40-year-old Dave Worrall, Britain's foremost collector of all things 007, "is just like Marilyn Monroe." In what sense, exactly, Mr Worrall? "They just simply refuse to go away — permanent, classic images — and hugely collectable."

Mr Worrall should know: when he was 11, his father took him to see the film *Goldfinger*, and young Dave was instantly hooked. "Bond became my bag. I got the Corgi Aston Martin DB5, of course, but I was a bit precocious, I suppose: I didn't play with it — didn't even take it out of the box." Ah, the DB5; who could forget Sean Connery (the *real* James Bond) gunning that fabulous silver car through the tortuous passageways of Goldfinger's factory, machine guns blazing and an unnamed and hapless Oriental gentleman shooting through the roof with a strangled cry?

Within two years, Corgi Toys had sold more than two million models (rather perversely painted gold, with a red interior, although later versions were gunmetal) and the Bond memorabilia market was born. 1994 is the thirtieth anniversary of the *Goldfinger* film (the third after *Dr No* and *From Russia With Love*) and to mark the occasion Corgi has just released a gold-plated version of the clever little car (*still*, dammit, with a red interior): only 10,000 have been produced, and at £19.99, it might already be hard to track one down. The original 1965 model cost 9/11d (just under 50p) but a fine example in the all-important box could now fetch more than £100.

But the 500 members of Mr Worrall's "James Bond Collectors' Club" are not interested in toy cars alone. "The whole fascination is in the breadth of material available — film posters, stills, games, kits, jigsaws, guns, comics, cigarette cards, annuals, records ..." And what of the original Ian Fleming books that spawned the whole thing? "Oh yes," agrees Mr Worrall, "the first editions *and* the 1960s paperbacks — and foreign editions, of course." The first editions have long been eminently collectable, but one receives the strong impression that to those impassioned by 007 paraphernalia Fleming takes second place to the agent he himself once described as a "cardboard booby".

Nonetheless, to a select and growing band, the meaning of Bond is the books and not the films.

JULIAN HERBERT



Plastic kit from the 1960s of Oddjob, Goldfinger's henchman

Of those elusive first editions, *Casino Royale*, £1,000 in the scarce, but rather drab, dust wrapper (devised by the author) is the first. The most handsome dust wrappers were designed by Richard Chopping, but he did not come on to the scene until *From Russia with Love* (the fourth in the series). *Live and Let Die* and *Moonraker* are also rare (£500 and £400, respectively); later titles, such as *The Man With the Golden Gun*, *The Spy Who Loved Me* and *Octopussy*, are easier to find (£20 each).

One of the attractions of collecting such relatively recent memorabilia is that there is always lots of affordable stuff around for the dabbler (Airfix kits of the DB5, for instance, which some fool actually made up and painted instead of



Dave Worrall proudly displays part of his Bond collection

☐ The five most scarce die-cast Corgis (prices are for mint, boxed examples):

1 1970 *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* gift set, including Tracy's Cougar, Ford Escort, Ford Capri, and Spectre's Mercedes, £600.
2 1971 *Diamonds are Forever* moonbuggy, £400.
3 1967 *You Only Live Twice* Toyota 2000 GT, £200.
4 1965 *Goldfinger* Aston Martin DB5, £100.
5 1977 *The Spy Who Loved Me* Lotus Esprit, £75.

007 IS FOREVER

The five most scarce James Bond artifacts (prices are for fine intact examples).

1 1966 Gilbert (US) James Bond Road Race Set, £800.
2 1966 Multiple Products James Bond: Secret Agent attaché case, £500.
3 1965/6 Gilbert James Bond Action Figure, £350.
4 1966 Aurora kits of Oddjob and James Bond, £300 each.
5 1966 Airfix Aston Martin DB5, £150.

The five most scarce James Bond first editions (prices are for fine copies in the dust wrapper).

1 1963 Jonathan Cape: *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* (limited edition of 250, signed by Ian Fleming, no dust wrapper), £2,000.
2 1953 Jonathan Cape: *Casino Royale*, £1,000.
3 1954 Jonathan Cape: *Live and Let Die*, £600.
4 1955 Jonathan Cape: *Moonraker*, £450.
5 1956 Jonathan Cape: *Diamonds are Forever*, £200.

Local interference in the crystal ball

How accurate were the stargazers' and forecasters' predictions for 1993? Frank Jeffery compares the prophecies with the results and finds some spot-on, but many woefully wide of the mark. Long live King William?





Sally Lennox (left) at the Meteorological Office examines the output from the long-range forecasting computer. Others (right) prefer to rely on an onion's skin

The soothsayers and the experts will be predicting the events of 1994 soon. But how did they do with their forecasts for the year just past?

Those who stuck to vague prognostications did about as well as most of us could have done by intelligent guesswork. Those who did not stick to the indefinite and imprecise came unstuck.

The royal family is the source of more prophecy from the stargazers and the professional royal watchers than any other British institution.

Old Moore — six astrologers who now wear the starry mantle of Dr Francis Moore, physician, herbalist and astrologer at the court of Charles II, whose first Almanack was printed in 1697 — went in for a few safe bets in his 1992 edition. The Prince of Wales would make a controversial speech ... unless constitutional reform was pursued the country could be in trouble ... a stressful alignment in the heavens could bring a public row in the royal family — that sort of thing.

Elsewhere, a woman described as the Princess of Wales's astrologer predicted that "Prince William will make an excellent king". It may be a little time before the accuracy of that one is known, although two astrologers called Rodgers and Kovan, writing in the *Astrological Journal*, were more positive.

> A prediction that a love child of Prince Charles would be revealed is still awaiting confirmation

The Princess of Wales, they said, would divorce within two years and remarry in 2001. In the same year Prince William would become king.

A prediction by Joan Quigley — Nancy Reagan's astrologer, whose advice was supposed to have affected White House decisions — that a love child of Prince Charles would be revealed is still awaiting confirmation.

In *Best* magazine, Barbara Dunn was not taking too great a risk when she predicted: "The Prince and Princess of Wales are most unlikely to have any more children." Ms Dunn also thought "the Queen would be well advised to abdicate in 1993". She might have been so advised, but so far she has not done anything about it.

There are plenty of royal predictions from the non-astrologers. David Cannadine, a professor of history at the University of Columbia, New York, thought 1993 would be an "*annus* even more *horribilis*" for the royal family, and also predicted the debate on "the purpose, function and future of the monarchy" would intensify. He was right there.

Ever hopeful, at the end of 1992 Tony Benn reintroduced his Bill to remove the Queen as head of state. Dennis (Beast of Bolsover) Skinner thought the end of the monarchy "could be in sight". Arthur Scargill felt reasonable jobs in society should be found for the royals, "unemployment figures permitting".

In *The Times*, Ludovic Kennedy suggested a longer timescale: in perhaps 15 years, he thought, the country might "release royalty from their unnatural and unnecessary burden".

Sixty-one per cent of *Sun* readers, according to a telephone poll the newspaper conducted, wanted the monarchy to be scrapped.

The comedian Max Bygraves predicted he would end up in the Tower for singing, to the tune of "They're Changing Guard at Buckingham Palace", these words: "They're changing wives at Buckingham Palace/Buckingham Palace is just like *Dallas*."

Harold Brooks-Baker, the publisher of *Burke's Peerage*, issued a stream of predictions in 1992 about the royal family, which changed as things developed, from "Prince Charles and Princess Diana will do many things to prove their marriage strong" to a suggestion in December 1992 that divorce plans for the couple would be announced in a few months.

The weather was naturally the other big forecasting area and the Meteorological Office predicted that its 24-hour forecasts would increase in accuracy, through a combination of new technology and developing skills in using it. They now claim an 85 per cent accuracy record on the daily forecast and a figure edging towards that for the five-day version.

They export seasonal forecasts — spring, summer, autumn, winter — to places such as Brazil, and get good results, but they will not try this long-range stuff at home. Our British weather is too capricious.

Amateur forecasters were less inhibited. Weather lore-ists at Slimbridge in Gloucestershire predicted a hard 1992-93 winter because some of the swans arrived early at the wildfowl sanctuary.

Yorkshire's countryman predictor Bill Foggitt also expected a hard 1992-93 winter because onion skins were thicker than usual. "Onion skin very thin, mild winter coming in," quoted old Bill. In fact last winter was not a hard one at all, but those onions probably are not at all embarrassed. Too thick-skinned.

The boffins at the Meteorological Office do not sneer at these old ways of foretelling the weather. They have made a study of country weather lore to see if there is anything in it. But their conclusion, one of their experts tells me, is that you cannot set much store by them. Sometimes they are right, sometimes wrong. "About the same as chance."

The Met men are still intrigued, though, by the records of another amateur, George Nicholson of Teddington, which showed that Thursday is the wettest day of the week. "A quirk in the figures," said the professionals. All the same, it might be as well to make sure you know where your umbrella is for Thursdays in 1994.

One repeated prediction, from assorted estate agents, that house prices would rise significantly in 1993 has come true only in the grander parts of central London, where gazumping is beginning to reappear.

John Major predicted in 1992 that 1993 would be the year "of helping your neighbour". The cynical might say that has come true because the Government is less keen on that sort of thing.

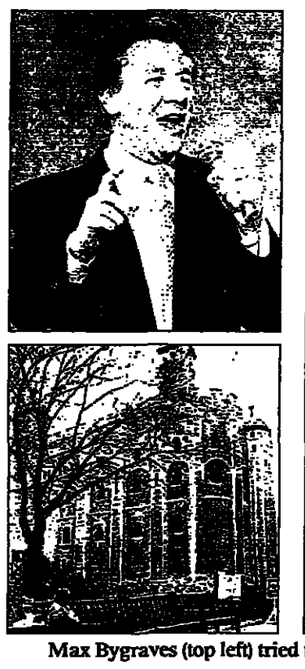
Among its end-of-1992 predictions, *The Independent on Sunday* said that at some time in the next half-million years a giant asteroid would wipe out life on earth.

It did not happen in 1993, but the newspaper still has 499,999 years to be proved right.



RUSSELL BOYCE

Dennis Skinner (left) and Tony Benn (right) foresaw the end of the monarchy. The Queen (centre) might have considered it, but took no action





DAVID JONES

Max Bygraves (top left) tried to sing his way into the Tower of London. The Princess of Wales (right) "will remarry in 2001"





Model bust of Sean Connery

sensibly leaving well alone) and yet even the very rarest items seldom top £1,000. Actual props from the Bond films are the most sought after items (Worrall has an 8ft model helicopter from *You Only Live Twice*, currently on five-year loan to the Planet Hollywood restaurant in London) although the original posters, too, are avidly collected. "All the 1960s posters were folded and not rolled, so truly mint never exists," Mr Worrall. A good *Dr No* poster would fetch £250 — just one of many in Mr Worrall's collection. "I have about 750 original film posters," he says. Yes — but there were only 16 films. "Variations," he replies.

Where to hunt for all these glories is fairly obvious, but so diverse is the field that a fair deal of time is required: the die-cast models (there were about 40 Corgi toys in all, including "variations") turn up quite regularly at toy fairs, as do jigsaws and other games.

The first editions may be found in antiquarian book shops and fairs, but their values are well known, so bargains are scarce: avoid anything not in the dust wrapper, with the exception of the extremely rare limited edition of *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* which was issued without one. Film posters, stills, magazines and programmes could turn up just about anywhere that sells printed material.



Replica Walther PPK

Despite the vast, all-embracing nature of Mr Worrall's collection, he still regularly trawls the car-boot sales, jumble sales and toy fairs: he never knows when he might find that 1960s James Bond attaché case complete with concealed daggers (as in *From Russia With Love*), which, he thinks, would fit very nicely beside his rare American James Bond Road Race set — "a truly marvellous sort of Scalextric, with moulded scenery, all the cars, characters, everything." Mr Worrall's six-year-old son has not been told that his father possesses so wondrous a creation.

But for most diehard Bond fans, that old DB5 remains the most potent symbol of all, and any of the four original cars made for the film is the ultimate 007 collectable: Mr Worrall, you will not be surprised to hear, spent six years researching a book about it. "After *Goldfinger*, they stripped all the gadgets off the absolute original and just sold it on the forecourt as a second-hand car. The person who bought it realised what he had and put all the gadgets back again. It could be worth $1 million dollars, or more like two or three." Most of us will have to settle for the made-up Airfix kit.

JOSEPH CONNOLLY

● *Further details of the James Bond Collectors Club from Dave Worrall, PO Box 1570, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 5YH. The Most Famous Car in the World, by Dave Worrall (Solo Publishing, £12.99). The James Bond Fan Club archive, 0483 756 007.*

SUCH is the nature of auctions that often nobody, not even the auctioneers, knows what is coming up. Sarah Jane Checkland tracked down the following highlights of the forthcoming year.

JANUARY: Phillips, 101 Bond Street, London W1 (071-629 6602), kicks off with two celebrity items at its fine silver sale on January 21. A Victorian christening set, engraved with the cipher of Queen Victoria and a monogram, possibly of her eldest son, Albert, is estimated at £1,200 to £1,500, while a French gold snuff box given by Napoleon Bonaparte to one of his generals is estimated at up to £15,000. For doting dog-owners, the auctioneers offer two Victorian silver dog-collars, estimated at up to £250 each.

Sotheby's starts the year by focusing on its New York operation, judging by its first three sales there of European works of art, Old Master drawings and, on January 15, the Old Master collection of the late American real-estate magnate, Peter Jay Sharp.

This last will include works by Canaletto (a pair of *capriccio*, or imaginary landscapes, at £1.5 million), Claude Lorrain (a landscape at up to £450,000) and Rubens ("The Adoration of the Magi" at £400,000).

FEBRUARY: There is sauce for sale on February 17 when Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (071-581 7611), offers the Bamforth Archive, comprising art work from the once-famous, now-defunct Lancashire seaside postcard publishers. Thrills include the image of a female customs officer looking under a Scotsman's kilt and saying, "Just looking for concealed weapons, Sir", and lots of naughty captions referring to "my little Willie". The previously unseen archive traces the history of this quintessentially British art form from its conception at the turn of the century up to the 1970s when the nudie-photograph postcard started taking over. The 3,000 lots are expected to raise £20,000.

Saleroom diary

Bonhams, Montpelier Street, London W1 (071-629 6602), counters on February 9 with its "pulp fiction" sale, offering original artwork for such gripping yarns as *White Slave Traffic* and *Me and My Ghoul*. Estimates range from £200 to £300. And for aspiring illustrators and caption writers, Bonhams also holds a special Vintage Fountain Pen sale on February 25, where it will attempt to break its own record for a pen of £14,500.

On February 24, one man's private air-force museum will be dispersed to the four winds, when 500 miniature models lovingly made by the late eccentric William Osmond Doylend come under the hammer at Christie's. Each comes complete with its own tiny aircraft hanger and aeronautical engineers.

Fancy wielding one of the spoons, saucepans or gravy-splattered cookbooks once used by the cookery writer Elizabeth David? More than 100 items are on offer at Phillips on February 22 at £20 upwards. Who knows, they might even improve the buyers' cooking.

MARCH: When last auctioned in 1888, Sir Edwin Landseer's monumental painting *The Red Stag* fetched the then breathtaking sum of £4,456. On March 25, Christie's hopes to sell the painting — which shows a royal stag standing among his hinds in dramatic Highland scenery — for at least £750,000. Auction experts believe it to be the most important work by the artist to be sold since Sir Thomas Dewar, head of the well-known firm of whisky distillers, bought the famous *The Monarch of the Glen* in 1916, and turned it into his most famous advertising image. Step forward Japanese whisky makers of today.

Barbra Streisand has been collecting Art Nouveau and Art Deco for decades. On March 3 and 4, the film star off-loads much of it at Christie's New York in an effort "to simplify her lifestyle". Highlights include a Tiffany "Cobweb" lamp, estimated up to £750,000, and Tamara de Lempicka's *Adam and Eve*, one of the great icons of this artist's work (£600,000).

FAIRS: From February 15 to 20, quality and quantity can be had at the Olympia Fine Art fair at the Olympia exhibition halls, Hammersmith, west London (071-495 4016).

From May 4 to 10, the British Antique Dealers' Association will hold its second annual event at the Duke of York's Headquarters, King's Road, London SW7 (information from: 071-351 3321) and open only to members of the country's top association.

Best of all will be the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London W1 (organisers: 071-495 8743) from June 9 to 18, when top dealers from all over the world will attempt to lure the world's richest buyers with their wares. This year's innovation is the abolition of deadlines for certain categories of antiques.

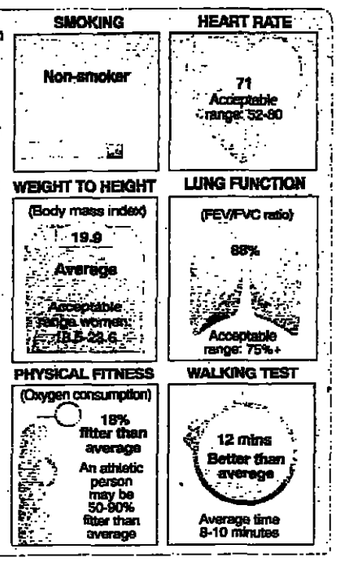
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Susan MacDonald checks on the progress of three more members of the *Times* marathon teams — including a late substitute

Dr Virginia Craig, 36



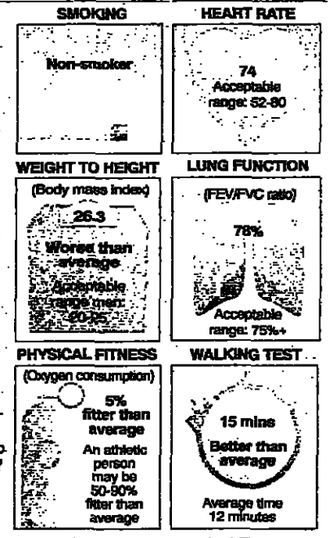
"It's difficult to fit in running with my work—it means pushing myself out into the cold and dark at eight o'clock at night—but I'm glad I entered and was chosen for *The Times* team because I certainly feel fitter. I run in town because it's less isolated, and have bought some luminous clothing to make sure drivers can see me in the dark. I didn't take regular exercise before, but was on my feet most of the day and took hour-long walks once or twice a week. I had a bad setback in the autumn through running in the wrong type of shoes. My first pair were too high at the ankles and I damaged both Achilles tendons, then in a new pair I twisted my ankle. Altogether I lost about five weeks of training and missed *The Times* fun run in September. But now, with shoes cut away at the back and following Mel Batty's novice group schedule, I can run seven miles. I've been trying the fartlek (speedplay) but haven't been getting on very well. However I am progressing. I have always wanted to do a marathon, but really no-one in their right mind would do it unless they were motivated. Having put my name forward, I have now been roped in and will be running for the Leukaemia Research Fund, who also fund my work in haematology. (Virginia Craig is a member of Chris Brasher's team)



Alan Coton, 45



"I began jogging by running round the block, graduating slowly to bigger blocks. I'm not an athlete but I found that running gave me a chance to think and reflect. Then I began to think about doing the marathon and when I read *The Times* and saw the chance to do so, I wrote in. I'm not really following the training programme, although I take in and appreciate what Mel Batty is saying. I don't do fast times but seem to amble on whatever the distance. Since I became a team member I've completed four half marathons – best time 1hr 55min – and have lost about 6lbs off my Bupa weight. Now I go on three four-mile outings a week and on Sunday, an excursion of around 20 miles. The long-distance running is awful work, all foot pads and vaseline. I've tried interval running, I'm sure it works, but I find the stopping and starting boring. Winter running is hard, I don't really know what to wear. At first I think I am really hot, but on long runs you get colder than you think – sometimes my gloves freeze up. I can't really see many benefits in being fitter and healthier, except that I can keep up with my ten-year-old son at football. Why do I keep on? Because I filled in the entry postcard and I always keep my word! (Alan Coton is a member of Chris Brasher's team)

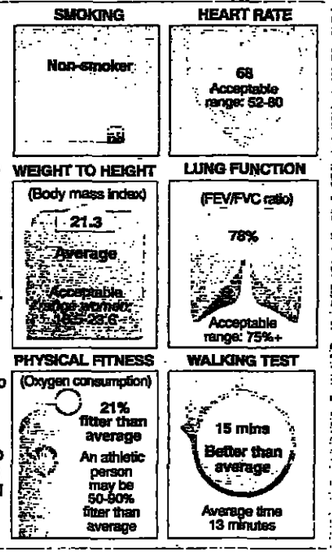


Carol Bryan, 39



Kate Taunga, originally a member of Mel Batty's team, has dropped out and her place has been taken by Carol Bryan who headed the The Times reserve team. She describes herself as a not very fit mother of four children.

"My husband is a half-marathon runner, many of our friends are runners and I became bored to tears listening to talk about running and standing on the sidelines, so last summer I decided try it for myself. I ran 300 yards home from the local shop and was completely out of breath. When I saw that *The Times* was forming teams for the marathon, I wrote in asking to be a member. Although I wasn't chosen I kept up the running, following the training schedule for beginners. I can now run for an hour—covering about eight miles. I am slightly asthmatic and at first I took my inhaler with me, but I don't need it any more. I don't really do the speed running although I do go faster for the last five minutes of my run—but that is because it is downhill and the neighbours are watching. I'm not going for speed on the big day – just to finish. I haven't lost weight, but I am certainly trimmer. I can zip up skirts that were too small before. I also feel fitter, I haven't had a serious cold or the flu since I started running. (Carol Bryan is a member of Mel Batty's team)



The genteel flight

Badminton may be stuck with an outdated image, but it is a sport for all, says Steven Downes

Battledore and shuttlecock they used to call it, like an old-time comic double act. Even today, the associations with badminton are essentially genteel: all church halls and crisp, starched whites.

If you look for badminton at your church hall these days, though, you are liable to be disappointed. And as for gentility, forget it. "Speed, agility, strength, stamina, skill, deception . . . especially deception — it's got the lot," says Gill Clark, a former world doubles No 1 with Gillian Gilks, who now runs the Wimbledon Squash and Badminton Club in southwest London.

Ms Clark's description may be a bit lost on the average club shuttlecock player. Like most racket sports, badminton reeks of affable sociability. The game is still the thing, where a friendly mixed doubles is more common than win-at-all-costs singles, and where rallies seem to be prolonged out of common courtesy.

Badminton tends not to be vicious: the rackets are lighter and therefore easier to use than tennis or squash, and the shuttle (the plastic flight) can move rapidly but never too fast for even the most modest of players.

Badminton's development can be traced back to the last century, when the British rulers used the game as a means of passing the idle hours in India. Some people believe that these roots in the past are holding the sport back: image is all, and badminton has yet to catch up with the developments of other sports during the past decade. "It's a shame, but most people do still think of badminton as a church-hall sport," Ms Clark says.

Ms Clark, with Nick Ponting, won an outstanding bronze medal in the mixed doubles at the world championships in Birmingham in June, ten years on from when she last collected a similar award. At 32, she is approaching the end of a long and successful professional playing career, but is totally involved with her sport as the chairman of the international players' federation.

At Ms Clark's level of play, badminton is dynamic and challenging. It also now has a professional international circuit. "In places like Malaysia, they pack 14,000 spectators into one stadium. They cancel football matches because everyone goes to badminton," she says. Even in this country, badminton ranks among the most popular participant sports: some five million are estimated to play regularly, according to the Sports Council. Mostly, they play in ad-hoc doubles games, with little or no contact with organised clubs. "Twenty, even ten years ago, numerous clubs played in local church halls and small venues," Ms Clark says, "but as these have closed, more and more people have gone to sports centres. It's so easy to turn up with three friends and have a game of doubles."

While the centres have welcomed players' court fees with open arms, badminton clubs have noticed declining membership. But those who bypass the club system, Ms Clark says, are missing something.

There are clubs based at most sports centres, offering a social side to the sport. As well as providing coaching, clubs offer a constant variety of opponents, whose standard may be chosen to reflect your level of skill.

Ms Clark believes that for the recreational player looking for a brisk winter sport, badminton has advantages over tennis — smaller courts mean that "you do not spend all your time picking up the ball".

The demands of the game are such that even novices can play enough reasonable rallies to work up a bit of a sweat, while it is gentle enough for all physiques and ages to get something from a game.

● *The Badminton Association of England (0908 568822), the Scottish Badminton Union (041-445 1218), the Northern Ireland Sports Council (0232 381222) and the Welsh Badminton Union (0222 222082) can provide details of your local club. Sports centres may also be able to tell you when your local club meets. The basic kit is shirt, shorts, shoes and racket: a reasonable beginner's racket costs £30.*

VANDYSTADT



The badminton shuttle moves rapidly but never too fast

Strip show in the gale



CHRISTINE WHEELER

WHATEVER happened to global warming? As I recall we were practically guaranteed semi-tropical summers, palm-covered Pennines, pick-your-own mangoes, and — most important of all — warm, frost-free winters. There was a downside, of course — Great White sharks basking off Torquay, and East Anglia submerged under rising sea levels, but sacrifices had to be made for the greater good. Haven't heard much about this lately, have we? Which is why I am jogging through freezing fog, on icy paths and snowy fields, trying to avoid pneumonia.

My social circle includes just one person who has ever laced up trainers in anger. He assured me, while we sunbathed last June, that I would positively embrace running in winter. Cool weather equalled comfortable jogging. Right on the button there. It is very cool. It is downright perishing.

Zero temperatures present a sartorial dilemma. I need to keep warm while I negotiate the main road between home and park during my five-minute start-up walk and at the end of the run, especially when the wind screams across the grass straight from the Russian steppes. Experience shows this requires at least three layers of wincyette — minimum. But, well into the training session, things get seriously muggy inside these bundles of cosy clobber. I can't very well leave a trail of discarded leisurewear in my wake, and am therefore perfecting my technique of stripping off, without breaking stride, and tying ever increasing layers round my waist, trying not to rip off my earphones and unplug the Walkman.

The "proper joggers", ie, the intense young men with very large feet, don't seem to have this problem: they are still wearing a flimsy singlet and shorts, plus a thick pair of gloves as a passing nod to the elements. This is odd. I find gloves strangely constricting and don't wear them (could I have claustrophobic hands?).

I'm told that runners in the know wear the cotton linings of washing-up gloves. Please! I am already being seen in public wearing what some people might very well describe as an anorak: I do draw the line at yellow rubber gloves. Anyway, my hands always stay warm. Before I took up this training business, my fingers and toes were permanently one degree above frostbite, whatever the room temperature.

In December, my training went well, my best month since September: no pain, no missed sessions, and by the middle of the month I was back on Mel Batty's schedule. I did my first 60-minute jog on December 16 and was thrilled to smithereens. I actually did leap up and down and punch the air; miraculously I had enough energy and breath left to celebrate.

I'm always being asked how far I run per session. Not having the faintest notion, but being curious, I presented my scale map of the park with my December I route marked out to a military chum who, using his very expensive taxpayer-subsidised training, calculated that I had travelled three and six-eighth miles in 35 minutes.

And what did that tell me? Nothing. Was this very commendable, very average or simply hopeless? On the one hand, at this pace it would take me a week to complete the course, unless the rules allow competitors to bivouac for the night *en route* and continue in easy stages over a period of days. I suppose using the above benchmark, I had progressed to nearly eight miles by mid-December, or not. A fruitless — and somewhat alarming — exercise that I won't repeat.

The extra incentive to get out this month was the news that Tom Cruise and his personal trainer were sighted jogging round my lake. So I keep alert, ready for the briefest glimpse. The slight worry is that the endorphins now surging into my brain may indeed have unhinged me: it's not the super-mega Hollywood starperson I want to meet, but his personal trainer. Much more useful.

Being a known jogger has its downside at Christmas on the prezzy front. Although I dropped spectacularly heavy hints that I was still in the market for scent, silk and sapphires (not necessarily in that order), I was bracing myself for the inevitable jogger's cookbook, joke book, diary or video.

I fully intended to break out of the magic family circle over the holiday. As soon as *The Great Escape*, Mr Blobby or any small child with a large percussion instrument came within my orbit, I misquoted Mel Batty: "You are in the presence of the physical élite. Christmas lunch is for wimps."

That stunned everybody long enough for me to make it through the front door and disappear for a Yuletide-free jog.

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All laced up for the last leg

Mel Batty gives his training tips for the final pull towards April's London Marathon

MARC ASPLAND



The blessed relief of getting your feet up after another gruelling training session — "this feeling of temporary lassitude is quite normal"

The new year brings extra urgency to your training: the holiday festivities are ending and the NutraSweet London Marathon suddenly seems very close.

There are in fact only 15 weeks before the race and allowing for the taper in the training, just before the end, this means you have only a little more than three months of solid training ahead.

Provided you have followed our monthly schedules, you should already have the sound basis from which to escalate your training. Now is the time to build up your fitness.

The weekly long runs are the foundation of your preparation and will certainly take their toll. After running for an hour and a half, all you will want to do for the rest of the day is to put your feet up, drink lots of cups of tea and eat some easily digestible carbohydrates. This feeling of temporary lassitude is quite normal. The tiredness is similar to, but less acute than, that you will feel after the marathon itself.

Take your rest days during the week either side of your long runs. Try to have at least some of your long sessions on soft surfaces. You are less likely to injure yourself.

I cannot stress often enough that you must have the proper footwear. Use at least two pairs of running shoes alternately and get an accurate diagnosis when you have an injury problem. Listen to your body: if you have a niggling strain, ease off the training. As you have your long runs, think about your style. Do not hunch your shoulders. Keep your head up, but still be careful to look where your feet are landing. Drop your hands occasionally to relax your arms. On your fartlek (speedplay) sessions, make certain that your faster running is sufficiently prolonged. You must have some spells of at least eight minutes' running to condition yourself to the sort of pace you will need to complete a marathon.

Fartlek is *not* the occasional sprint interspersed by jogging. You must have periods of sustained speed, faster than your steady running but nowhere as quick as a sprint. At the end of each faster run, you should be relieved to be able to jog for a short while. If you run frequently on the same circuit of parkland or roads, you should be able to discover a stretch of the course which will take you about eight minutes to run. Aiming at a particular landmark is less mentally frustrating than looking at your watch every so often to see how many more minutes you must run. Finally, look in one of the excellent athletics magazines on the market and find a convenient half marathon about a month before the London Marathon on April 17.

Sometime in March, you should try a half marathon to get used to the sort of pace you will need on the big day.

Schedules for January:

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Week 1: 1 x 90-minute run; 2 x 60-minute runs, 2 x 40-minute fartleks.

Week 2: 1 x 1 hour 40-minute run; 2 x 60-minute runs, 2 x 40-minute fartleks.

Week 3: 1 x 1 hour 45-minute run; 2 x 60-minute runs, 2 x 45-minute fartleks.

Week 4: 1 x 1 hour 50-minute run; 2 x 60-minute runs, 2 x 45-minute fartleks.

Joggers' schedule

Week 1: 1 x 65-minute jog, 2 x 40-minute jogs, 1 x 35-minute fartlek.

Week 2: 1 x 75-minute jog, 2 x 40-minute jogs, 1 x 35-minute fartlek.

Week 3: 1 x 80-minute jog, 2 x 45-minute jogs, 1 x 35-minute fartlek.

Week 4: 1 x 85-minute jog, 2 x 50-minute jogs, 1 x 35-minute fartlek.

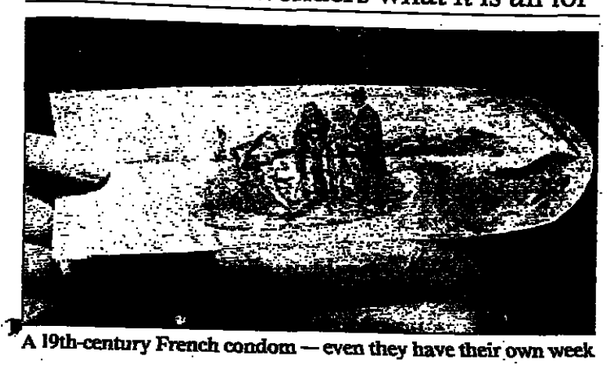
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Every week is Something or Other Week, invoking our brief attention or charity. **Peter Barnard** wonders what it is all for



A 19th-century French condom — even they have their own week



ASADOUR GUZELIAN

The much maligned rottweiler has its week in August, when the weather is warm, a chance to show off the sweet side of its nature

The rottweiler has had a rotten press and most unfairly so. In my opinion much of this has to do with anti-German sentiment, Rottweil being a town in southwest Germany from which these lovable animals are said to originate.

The height of anti-rottweiler rottenness was reached in 1992, when the Government rushed through the Dangerous Dogs Act, which empowered posses of armed civil servants to roam the country shooting rottweilers on sight.

Those that were not shot were forced to wear muzzles, a shameful development: how would you like to have to go around Tescos with a cage stuck to your face?

Inevitably, there has been a backlash against this draconian legislation. First, in mid-1993, came the Irate Rottweilers Association (IRA), set up by a small group of rottweiler owners based in a Hackney tower block, tower blocks (and caravan sites) being the natural habitat of the rottweiler. The IRA's slogan — negotiation not legislation — quickly found an echo with fair-minded people and membership increased apace.

An advertising campaign in December (a rottweiler is for life, not just for Christmas) further raised the animal's profile and sales of Christmas cards featuring a rottweiler rampant, but smiling, raised thousands of pounds for the cause.

The money will be used in the coming year for the IRA's most ambitious project so far: National Rottweiler Week. This will occur in August, rottweilers being at their most lovable in warm weather. Another reason for the choice of date is that the second week of August is the only week in the year not already booked as the week of something else, although two days in the week are taken up with the Day of . . . something or other. But it is felt that a Rottweiler Week can see off a Something Day as it might a miniature poodle.

There will be those who have read the above and thought: he is making this up. As if I would. As if I would make up the Year of the Chinese Bear (which 1994 is), organised by the International Fund for Animal Welfare to draw our notoriously fickle attention to the fact that Chinese bears are used by the Chinese to make medicines and aphrodisiacs which "can be produced synthetically".

It happens that I am all for the Chinese bear, although I suspect he is no less prone to eating people than the rottweiler. But I doubt whether giving him a year will do him much good.

Ditto the condom. It is an odd sense of priorities that gives the condom a mere week (in September) while the Chinese bear gets a whole year. Of course, condoms are not endangered, nor could they be accused of being much in the way of an aphrodisiac, though the flavoured ones . . . perhaps this line of enquiry is best abandoned.

In favour of eyes, something we can all agree about. The British Council's Eye Safety Week in February is a classic of the genre — designed to be, er, eye-catching for that person for whom such Days, Weeks and Years are a godsend: the newspaper picture editor.

That is why Eye Safety Week involves a competition to find "Britain's most beautiful eyes". If the British Safety Council wants my advice, it needs four finalists, of whom at least one is famous. The photocall will produce a handy five-column picture, not very deep, showing four sets of eyes in colour. Hold the photocall in the morning and editors desperate to fill those early news pages will thank you evermore.

The trouble is that within two minutes of reading the caption, most people will have forgotten what the picture was in aid of. The chances of Eye Safety Week doing much good for the safety of anyone's eyes are close to zilch.

And such weeks can work against the cause. I spent four years in Singapore, which every year had a National Courtesy Week. It needed one as Singaporeans regard courtesy as a luxury. What National Courtesy Week did for Singaporeans was to make some of them courteous *for a week*. The rest of the year, forget it.

Not that Singapore can teach us anything. You will remember Smile for Safety Week. Oh come on: it was only in December. It is only in December this year, too, so we have 11 months of unsafe scowling left to us before we need to rearrange the mouth features.

The idea of Smile for Safety Week, apart from giving a committee something to commit about, is to "reduce stress by getting us to smile more". It is organised by our old friends from an earlier paragraph, the British Safety Council (they of the Eyes). In fact, only the aforementioned picture editors stand between the British Safety Council and an agreed bid under which Eyes and Smiles would merge to produce one slightly deeper five-column picture instead of two. There is of course a competition to find Britain's Brightest Smile.

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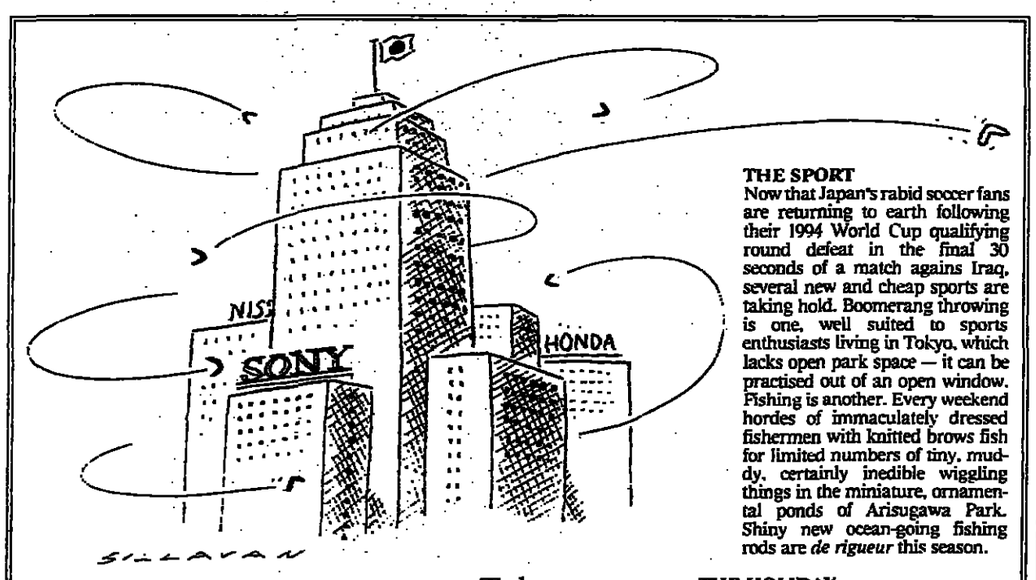
I am left feeling like the man in the New York bar: if this is happy hour, why am I so miserable? Do we really need to be told when to smile, when to care about Chinese bears, when to care about toxic waste (Greenpeace, the whole year), when to worry about the clubbing to death of Canadian seals (International Fund for Animal Welfare, ditto), when to ruminate on the state of the family (United Nations Year of)?

Please, spare me this tripe. This is the nanny state gone berserk, this is compassion by calendar, this is pure attention-seeking. I am already working on something for 1995, which will have National Nothing Much Week. There will be monthly meetings of the Nothing Much Week committee and there will be press releases announcing nothing much. During the week itself nothing much will happen, with pictures.

Do try to enter into the spirit of the thing.

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Tokyo

MODES

THE SLOGAN
Instant ersatz sophistication for Japanese and cheap entertainment for foreigners is the Japlish slogan. Found on T-shirts, jackets, carrier bags and teenagers' lips, my favourite was spotted on a leather jacket: "Vigorous Throw-Up — since 1973". Second favourite, found emblazoned on a pink floral carrier bag: "Primitive Cool Collective Heterosexual Scenario and Turn the Women Red". Explanations offered at owner's discretion. Or not.

THE GIFT
When inspiration and yen run out in "za gifuto sheezon" (the gift season) consult Kenji Kawakami, a man with an inventive brain, in demand for more creations along the lines of his celebrated "Nod Pod". To cope with a wicked hangover, a missed breakfast or a lost seat on the train, well equipped commuters unfold a nod pod, a tripod-based device designed like a music stand at the base and a chin rest at the top. Keeps chins up and allows precious extra time for escape to the land of nod. Table-top versions are available for company parties and watching Japanese television.

THE SOUND
"Girlfriend", Australia's answer to Bananarama, on tour in Japan this month has been an astonishing hit. Performing without noticeable musical talent, the four blonde beach belles have captured the hearts and wallets of legions of Japanese teenagers for their willingness to sing in Japanese. The crash course in lyric learning parrot fashion evidently did not include translations or pronunciations. A tour manager eventually pointed out that their lusty declarations of "love" had become declarations on the subject of "funeral parlours".

THE SPORT
Now that Japan's rabid soccer fans are returning to earth following their 1994 World Cup qualifying round defeat in the final 30 seconds of a match agains Iraq, several new and cheap sports are taking hold. Boomerang throwing is one, well suited to sports enthusiasts living in Tokyo, which lacks open park space — it can be practised out of an open window. Fishing is another. Every weekend hordes of immaculately dressed fishermen with knitted brows fish for limited numbers of tiny, muddy, certainly inedible wiggling things in the miniature, ornamental ponds of Arisugawa Park. Shiny new ocean-going fishing rods are *de rigueur* this season.

THE HOLIDAY
Harried executives with a day or two to fill for their annual New Year break have booked themselves a 6ft x 3ft slot on the rubber beach at Ocean Dome, a 300-metre indoor "beach", lapped with 2½-metre waves and decorated with an electronic sunset projected every evening at 6pm sharp on to a screen behind the "sea". Optional mermaid performances available on request. Popular with families, too: the rubber beach prevents nasty sand getting into neatly packed lunchboxes and children's eyes. The temperature remains at a tastefully tropical 30C and many punters prefer it to the real thing — just £330 return from Tokyo and £30 for a full-day pass.

THE FINAL WISH
Billionaire Ryoei Saito stirred fury in the art world when he declared that his Van Gogh and Renoir oil paintings should be cremated with his dead body. He later withdrew the statement and told the foreign press they were "unable to understand Japanese humour".



THE PET
Tokyo households do not really cater for pets. Turtles risk ending up in a New Year soup and goldfish are passé. The answer is the bonsai shark, baby white-tips that fit a standard goldfish tank and appreciate any table scraps.

JOANNA PITMAN

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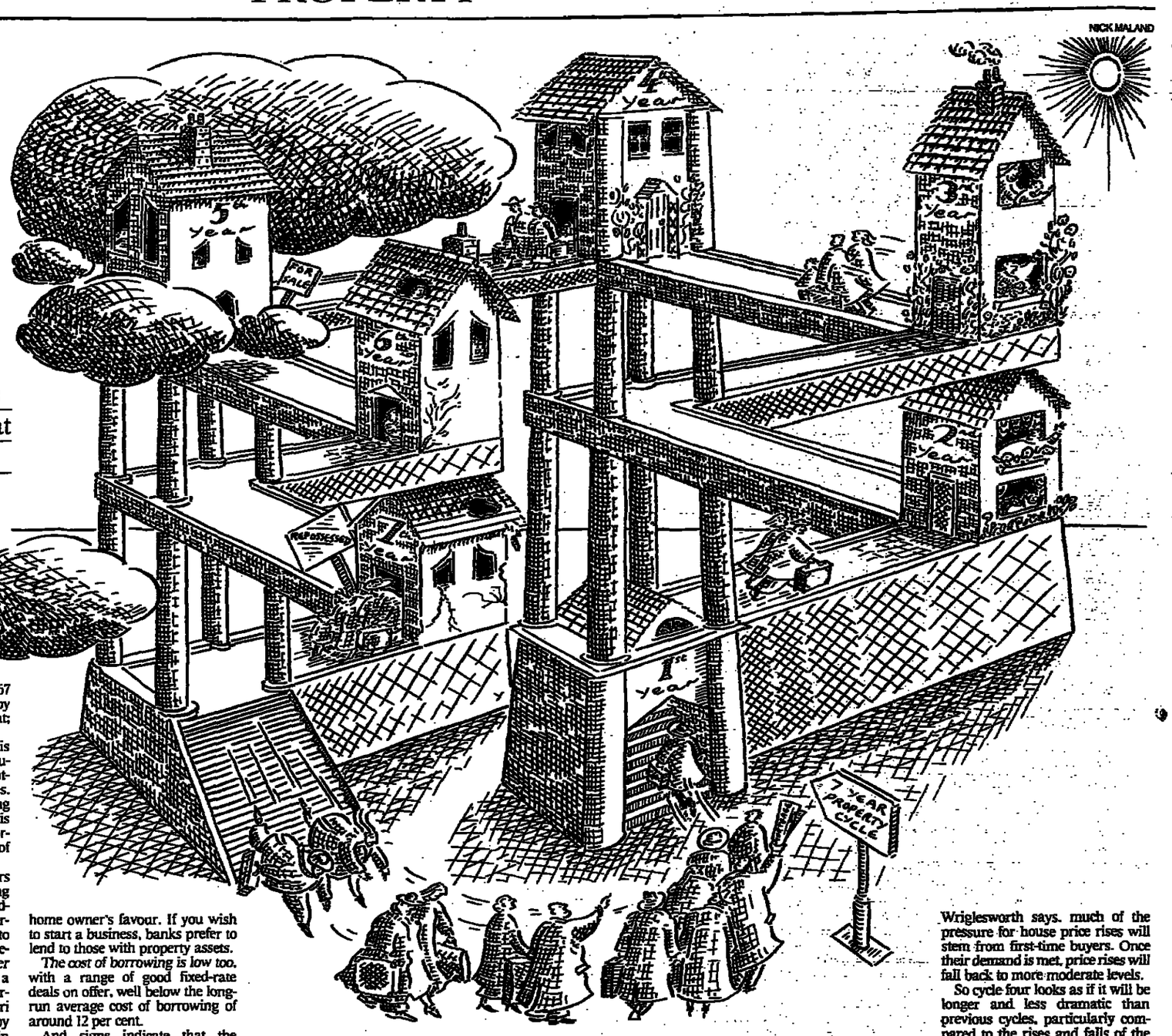
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What price bricks and mortar in 1994?



After the boom and bust property cycles of recent years, Rachel Kelly predicts that house prices really are set to rise again

JANUARY, and time for crystal-ball gazing into this year's property market. Will 1994 be the year that the market leaps back into full-blooded life?

One answer to this question is provided by the experts. Banks, building societies, builders, estate agents have all put out their research and forecast levels of house price rises next year. Here is a sample of their views.

John Wriglesworth, housing market analyst at the city brokers UBS Phillips & Drew, forecasts a 7 per cent rise. He has been more right than wrong in the past. While everyone else forecast house price rises in January 1992, Dr Wriglesworth was the only analyst to predict the falls that ensued. Lloyds bank suggests a 4.9 per cent rise. Charterhouse financial analysts predict a 5 per cent rise. Farley estate agents suggest a rise of between 5 and 10 per cent.'

But the whole notion that it is possible to make such precise forecasts has been largely discredited. The Halifax no longer publishes its house price forecasts, and now prefers to identify patterns and trends rather than spot-on figures.

According to the figures, the property market follows regular cycles. Each cycle lasts for between seven and eight years: for the first *three years, prices rise: then they* settle down again for the next four.

The first cycle began in 1970; the second in 1977; the third in 1985. If these patterns are accurate, we have lived through the down-turn. 1994 sees the start of cycle four and a rosy market.

First-time buyers will be the most significant players in cycle four. They are crucial to a recovery, since they bring new cash to the bottom of the ladder. Houses are now relatively cheap for first-time buyers if one calculates average earnings, mortgage rates and *house prices. In* 1991, the TSB calculates it cost first-time buyers 67 per cent of their income to buy; by 1992 this had fallen to 38 per cent; now it costs just 26 per cent.

Now the November budget is safely behind us, and the diminution of the MIRAS limit is outweighed by lower interest rates. first-timers in work are enjoying rising incomes. Unemployment is expected to fall and, more importantly for those in work, the fear of it is receding.

Nearly 200,000 potential buyers are thought to have been holding back from house purchase, according to Dr Wriglesworth, but surveys show that the commitment to the idea of home ownership re*mains strong. More than 80 per* cent expect to be home owners, a Council of Mortgage Lenders survey found last year. A poll by Mori for *Roof* magazine, published by *the housing charity Shelter in* December, revealed that 78 per cent of people questioned would prefer to buy rather than to rent.

Among existing home owners, 1994 is unlikely to find many deciding to sell up and rent instead. Property remains the love of most Englishmen, as other CML surveys show. Tax is still stacked in the home owner's favour. If you wish to start a business, banks prefer to lend to those with property assets.

The cost of borrowing is low too, with a range of good fixed-rate deals on offer, well below the long-run average cost of borrowing of around 12 per cent.

And signs indicate that the market has already cheered up. Although sales in October and September remained flat, say the Nationwide and the Halifax, that was partly caused by budget uncertainty. A post-budget survey by the Alliance & Leicester shows that more than three-quarters of those polled were unaffected by changes to Miras, and that 8 per cent planned to move to catch the lowest interest rates for 25 years.

There are more good signs. The Halifax recorded a small rise in November house prices of 0.2 per cent. Figures so far for 1993 show that mortgage approvals to the end of September are up 5 per cent on 1992. If property sales continued as at recent monthly rates they will have finished the year around 2 per cent higher than in 1992, says UBS. And agents are complaining of a shortage of suitable houses for sale in the South.

It is here that the recovery in prices is likely to begin. The negative equity trap has caught owners in the Southeast most tightly. This will reduce supply to first-time buyers, as those trapped with negative equity are unwilling to sell. A shortage of supply should provoke some rise in prices.

However, the recovery is unlikely to be 1980s-style. As Dr Wriglesworth says, much of the pressure for house price rises will stem from first-time buyers. Once their demand is met, price rises will fall back to more moderate levels.

So cycle four looks as if it will be longer and less dramatic than previous cycles, particularly compared to the rises and falls of the 1980s. First-timers should move fast to get on to the ladder while it remains a buyers' market. Those wishing to trade up should also move quickly: the more expensive houses have recorded the largest falls. Snap up any remaining bargains before the 1994 cycle is well and truly upon us.

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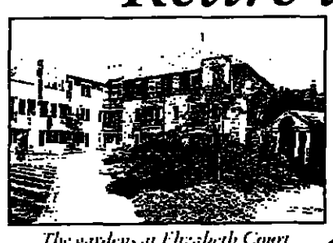
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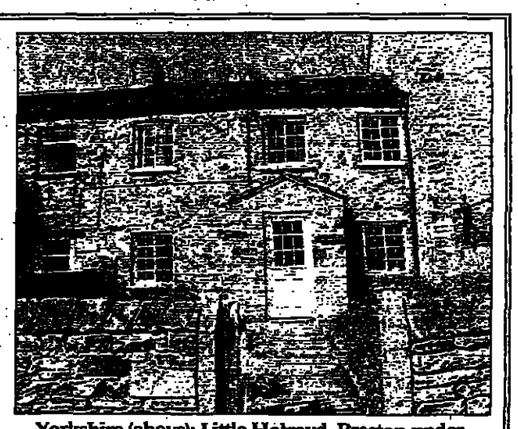


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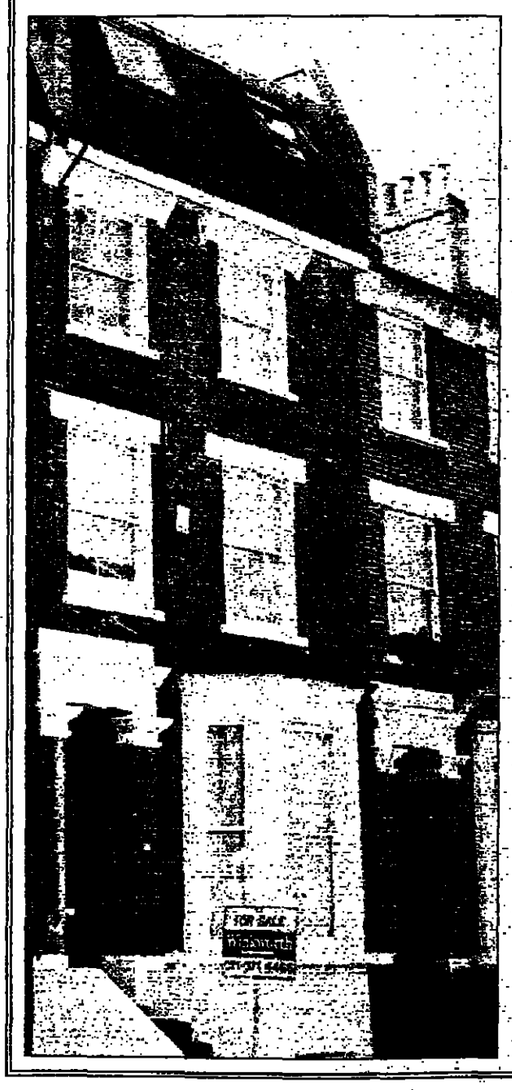
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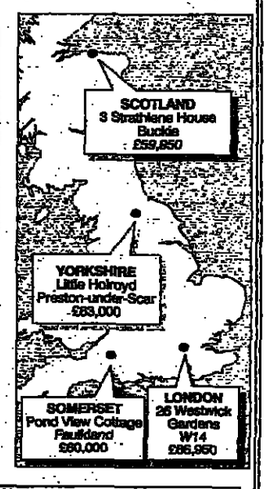


Yorkshire (above): Little Holroyd, Preston-under-Scar, Leyburn. Double-fronted stone-built terrace period cottage situated in a secluded village, with walled garden and extensive views. Two bedrooms. *bathroom, living-room (with stone fireplace and* exposed beams), dining-room/kitchen and dairy. About £63,000 (GA Property Services, 0969 23451).



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Somerset (above): Pond View Cottage, Faulkland, nr Bath. Newly renovated stone-built cottage with walled garden, overlooking the village pond. Bedroom, shower-room, living-room with beamed ceilings, pine fitted kitchen/dining-room. About £60,000 (Allen & Harris, 0225 425111).

CHERYL TAYLOR

And was Jerusalem builded here?

Ruth Gledhill joins the worship in Britain's oldest liberal Jewish congregation

The Liberal Jewish Synagogue, 28 St John's Wood Road, London NW8 7HA (071-286 5181).

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SERMON: Analysis of the value of tradition in a post-modern age by Rabbi Helen Freeman.★★★★

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JOHN MANNING



Rabbi Helen Freeman preaching at the St John's Wood synagogue, where ancient practices are adapted to the modern world



TO WALK past the Grace Gate of Lord's cricket ground and through the colonnaded portico of the UK's oldest liberal Jewish congregation felt like stepping out of England and into a corner of Jerusalem. The sensation was explained in part by my neighbour Rita Adler, synagogue chairman, who told me the golden-white stone surrounding us had been quarried in Israel itself. Our service was taking place during *Chanukkah*, the eight-day festival of lights which commemorates a miracle more than 2,000 years ago, when a temple lamp burned for eight days on one day's supply of oil.

The Liberal Jewish Synagogue was founded in 1911 and developed out of the earlier Jewish Religious Union, set up in an attempt to halt the drift away from organised religion by young Jews. Liberal Judaism has attempted to adapt ancient practices to the modern world. The movement was among the first to ordain women rabbis, and our sermon was preached by Rabbi Helen Freeman, a former speech therapist ordained in 1990 by Rabbi Julia Neuberger, one of the best-known rabbis in Britain.

Some of the men wore a *kipot*, a form of skull cap, but by no means all had covered their heads. Few of the women wore hats and we sat together with the men, unlike more orthodox synagogues, where women sit upstairs or at the back. Only those who would go on to the *bimah* (reading platform) at the front to take part in the ceremony wore both a *kippot* and a *tallit*, the fringed prayer shawl.

About half the service was in Hebrew but the prayer book, printed with an English translation alongside, was not difficult to follow. "I make pleasant songs, and weave verses. Because my soul longs for You," we sang before the *Chanukkah* sabbath prayer. We moved into the *Shema*, a central prayer of Jewish liturgy which includes a confession of faith, and passages from the Pentateuch, or first five books of the Bible. "Hear, O Israel: the Lord is our God, the Lord is One," we said.

The service lasted about 90 minutes, half the length of a traditional orthodox service. The congregation grew to several hundred as the service progressed and we arrived at the readings from the *Torah*, the written law, synonymous with the Pentateuch. The reading, from Genesis, was in Hebrew. Rabbi Freeman read and translated into English as she went. We heard the story of *Pharaoh's dreams*.

After a prayer in English for the royal family, there was a traditional sung prayer, and Rabbi Freeman went on to preach. "One of the most striking phenomena in recent times is the growth in the professions of counselling, psychotherapy and psychoanalysis," she said. "In many social situations it is considered slightly eccentric to be a regular attender at religious services." On the other hand, there was "a certain cachet" in beginning a conversation with: "My analyst says or my astrologer says," she said. Rabbi Freeman commented on the large numbers turning to eastern religions and spirituality. Whereas she had "respect for those who look for deeper meaning in their lives and have rejected rampant materialism of the western world," it saddened her that they felt the need to wander so far from their roots and had no idea of the riches available in their own traditions. After this, we sang the hymn "Rock of Ages", a traditional Channukah hymn (not connected with the Christian hymn of the same name), said the *Aleynu*, a prayer of adoration, ending with an exhortation to extol the name of God, and strive for the coming of the day when his rule will hold sway throughout the world.

● *Shabbat services: Saturday 11am-12.30pm.*

Edward Marriott persuades the past year to confess its sins and the new year to forecast its saving graces

vices & VIRTUES

1993 — 1st Pride: My worst vice was helped in part by the egos of three leading Tories — Alan Clark, Margaret Thatcher and her former axeman Kenneth Baker — all of whom published their self-serving memoirs. Captain Keith Brown, who nearly died of shame after the faulty start to the Grand National, almost pushed pride to second place. Almost, but not quite.

2nd Wrath: I had a lot of angry people this year. John Major and Clare Latimer, oil-soaked Shetland islanders. Oddly, though, not a squeak from Jeremy Paxman, blackballed from the Garrick and *Question Time* clubs.

3rd Avarice: A good year. Libel awards showed no signs of calming down and Great Deceiver Roger Levitt was sentenced to 180 hours of considerate behaviour. Avarice pays.

4th Gluttony: I lost some fine gluttons — Anthony Burgess, whose appetite for work was surpassed only by James Hunt's greed for speed and Les Dawson's love of bad jokes. Happily, there's still Nicholas Soames, leading from his front.

5th Lust: I wish I could say I'd championed free love, but 'twas nor to be. Aids pressed on and consenting sadomasochists were jailed (quite a turn-on in itself).

6th Sloth: I failed to provide a haven for the lazy, the last of whom were swept from the BBC in John Birt's efficiency drive. Even Virginia Bottomley's queue-jumping at M&S was rumbled. The diligent triumphed: Ranulph Fiennes and male au pairs.

7th Envy: Who was there to envy? No one called Graham, certainly: Taylor (football) and Gooch (cricket) went the way of all captains. And no Norman.



1993 and 1994

1994 — 1st Justice: Fear the worst; Michael Howard gets ever stronger. On the menu for this year, aside from more porridge, will be life sentences for jumping red lights.

2nd Fortitude: No one will need more than John Major, for whom there'll be slings and arrows a'plenty — June's European elections; the ambitions of Howard, Clarke and his coiffed sidekick. But persistence will pay off: Paxman will be elected to the Garrick.

3rd Charity: Oh, dear. Charity did well last year, but I hold out little hope now that the Princess of Wales has "retired". So my New Year's resolution is to find a new patron. Mr Blobby?

4th Faith: I'm pinning my hopes on faith: the first woman priest will be ordained shortly and the Bishop of Durham retires in July. His successor will believe. I confidently predict, in the Second (and Third) Coming, the End of the World, the Virgin Birth and the Three Kings. Praise be.

5th Hope: Seldom has there been more to hope for: peace at last in Ireland and the Balkans, our boys defeating the West Indies at the crease, some well-behaved aristocrats, a ban on any mention of Joanna Lumley, Michael Dobbs or Victor Meldrew.

6th Prudence: Regrettably, I am unlikely to be remembered for this. Melvyn Bragg is still sharpening his fangs and Michael Mates is still buying watches (probably from Gerald Ratner, who will bounce back).

7th Temperance: Who knows, it might be a quiet year for Kenneth Branagh, and Joan Collins might choose to spend a little more time with her family. But then again . . .

Children's events

LONDON

☐ **Circus in the the Great Hall:** The Big Top comes to Blackheath with jugglers, clowns, acrobats and high-wire artistes in a Victorian style circus.
Blackheath Concert Halls, 23 Lee Road, Blackheath, SE3 (081-463 0100). Today, tomorrow and Monday, 3pm and 7pm. £12.50, child £7.50.

☐ **Slava Polunin's Academy of Fools:** The St Petersburg Theatre of Clowns in a spectacular show called *Yellow*.
Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, E8 (081-985 2424). Today, tomorrow, Jan 6-9, 7pm. Mat Sat, Jan 8, 2pm. £7, child £5 (8 years and upwards).

☐ **Noddy:** The adventures of Enid Blyton's little boy and his friends.
Lyric, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Today, 11am, 2pm. Jan 4-7, 10.30am, 1.30pm. Jan 8, 11am, 2pm. Jan 9, 2pm, 4.30pm. Jan 11-14, 10.30am, 1.30pm. Jan 15, 11am, 2pm. Jan 16, 2pm. Until Jan 16. £10.25, child £7.25.

BIRMINGHAM

☐ **The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me:** Roald Dahl's story of Billy, who dreams of owning his own sweet shop, and makes friends with a giraffe, a pelican, a monkey and many other characters.
The Old Rep Theatre, Station Street (021-616 1519). Tues, Wed, 2.30pm, 7pm. Thurs, 10am, 1.30pm, Fri, 1.30, 7pm, next Sat, 2.30, 6.30pm. Until Jan 22. £6.50 child £4, family £18.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

☐ **Annie:** The Broadway musical about the plucky orphan.
Everyman Theatre, Regent Street, Cheltenham (0242 572573). Until Jan 15. Today 2pm, 7pm. Mon-Sat, 2pm, 7pm. No performances Sunday. £12.50, £9.50, £5.50, child £2 less.

KENT

☐ **Leeds Castle:** Follow the treasure trail at Leeds Castle: commemorative certificate and prizes.
Leeds Castle, Maidstone (0622 765400). Today, first start at 10am, last start at 2pm. £5, accompanied children are free. Castle entry £1.50 extra.

EDINBURGH

☐ **Mr Boom in the Afternoon:** The musical spaceman and cosmic cult hero puts on in a show of fun, songs and games.
Traverse Theatre, 10 Cambridge Street (031-220 4349). Today, 3pm. £3.50.

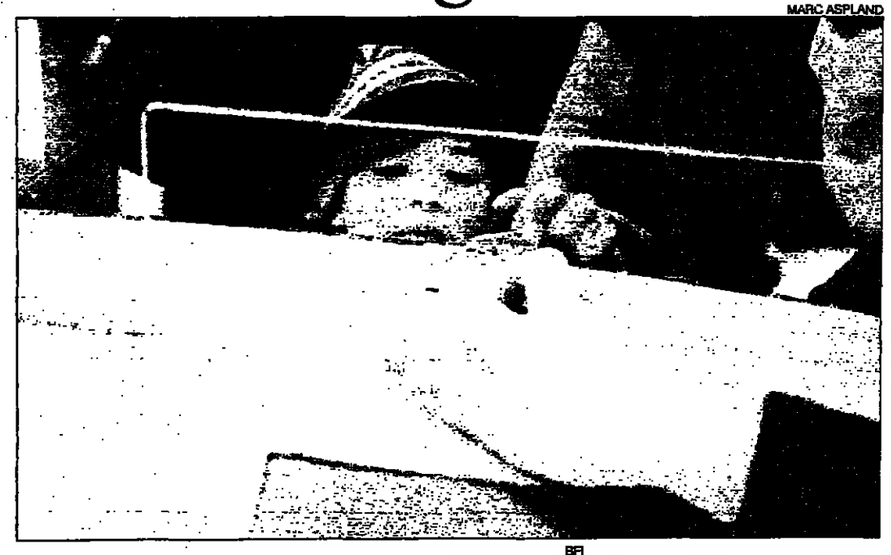
☐ **NATIONAL TRUST WALKS:** There are walks all over the country suitable for families including:
Durham coast, Hawthorn Dene Nature Reserve (091-581 3905). Tomorrow, 11am. £1.50, child free.
Northumberland, Hadrians Wall, Bardon Mill (0434 344314). Housesteads car park, please book. Mon, 2pm. Free.
Yorkshire, On the Rocks at Hardcastle Crags, Hebden Bridge, (0422 844518). Tomorrow, 2pm.

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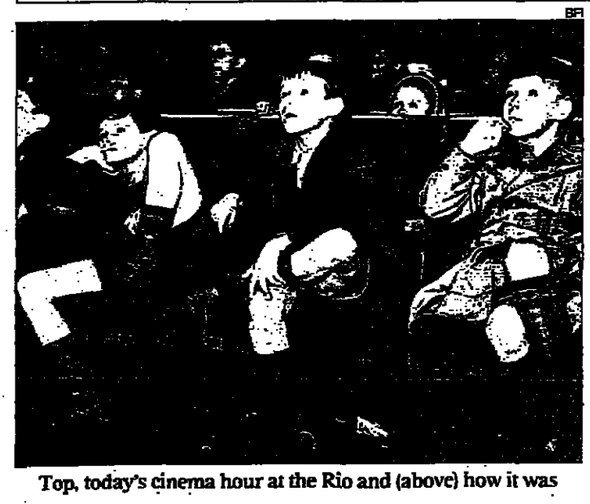
Small faces, big screen

Saturday morning picture shows are back in favour. **Liz Bestic** joined the queue

MARC ASPLAND



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Top, today's cinema hour at the Rio and (above) how it was

The heart of east London on a dismal, rainswept morning seems an unlikely place for a renaissance of Saturday morning picture show nostalgia, but as the cinema doors fly open more than 50 children stage their very own stampede in the foyer of the Rio, Hackney, demanding their £1.50 tickets and popcorn.

Every week for the last six years in this once magnificent art deco building, hundreds of children have been coming to sit in a huge, darkened room to watch fantasies unfold on the big screen. And this is not just a London phenomenon.

J. Arthur Rank, founder of the famous Rank Organisation, would have been delighted to see his brainchild, the Saturday Morning Picture Show, enjoy a revival across the country — although perhaps less pleased by the type of film on show.

His ambition to make religious films — Rank was a committed Methodist — was never fulfilled but his faith spurred him on to make films directed specifically at children. Each had a strong moral message which was meant to keep children off the streets and on the straight and narrow. His fervour and a great deal of his own cash helped to create the so-called "threepenny crush" of the Thirties and Forties, when hundreds of children watched entranced as their favourite characters came to life in moving pictures.

Back at the Rio, today's showing is *Footloose* — an unlikely tale of a latterday James Dean character who tries to buck the system in small-town America, encouraging his clean-cut peer group to embrace loud music, outrageous dancing and general misbehaviour — thus incurring the wrath of the local minister.

Dominic Ren, the cinema manager, says the kids love the kind of films that knock the system. "They can't stand worthy films; they like it when *adults* are shown to be wrong," he says.

"In the old days there used to be a serial — something like *Champion the Wonderhorse* — and there'd always be a huge cliffhanger ending where someone was about to fall into a river or something which made absolutely sure the kids came back the following week."

The arrival of television in the Fifties and Sixties spelt death to the picture shows. The Seventies saw an even faster changing society, and the rise of video. Nowadays lack of investment in the film industry means a dearth of shorter children's feature films — and the big blockbusters like *Jurassic Park* and this year's offering from the Disney stable, *Aladdin*, often have tricky distribution rights which often preclude smaller cinemas.

"It is very difficult to compete in a market which is flooded with film, video and children's TV," says Andrew Youdell of the British Film Institute. "The big multiplex cinemas have already captured a large proportion of the modern cinema-going audience aged between 12 and 16. They are seen as trendy places where maximum sales of popcorn and Coca-Cola are guaranteed," he says.

But for many younger children the experience of the big screen is a very special one, and if it is local it has even more appeal. "It's a trip out. It's getting away from home and there is something magical about that moment when the lights go down and the projector starts running. They get a real buzz out of it," Mr Ren says.

Martyn Green runs a picture club in South Wales. He manages the Coliseum in the Cynon Valley, an economically depressed area where cinema is a prime entertainment. Although the local community once supported 15 cinemas and five theatres, the Coliseum is the last surviving cinema.

A year ago, he experimented with a Saturday morning film for children. "From there it just snowballed, the demand was so great. Now we get between 50 and 250 kids a week. We have Bubbles the Clown to open the show and children pay £2.50 a year, and then 25p to get in each week. In the first year we attracted 75 members," he says.

"I believe there is actually a move away from television and video. The sheer size and sound of the real cinema just can't be matched by television. It's an exciting experience for them," he says.

As the last few cinema buffs of the future straggled out of the Rio like small moles blinking into the light there was general consensus that the film was a bit too old for them, but it was still great.

Dean, aged nine, liked the dancing and was glad he'd come. "Saturday telly's boring. It's really exciting to come to a big place and meet all your mates. The film was a bit old for me but I like the bits where everyone danced. I'll be back next week."

Here is a selection of Saturday morning picture shows we know about:
Aberdare, *The Coliseum* (0685 883380)
Cardiff, Sherman Film Theatre (0222 396844)
Edinburgh, Filmhouse (031-228 6382)
Ipswich, Ipswich Film Theatre (0473 255851)
Lancaster, The Duke's Playhouse (0524 67461)
Leicester, Phoenix Arts (0533 555627)
London, Barbican (071-638 8891)
London, ICA (071-930 0493)
London, Rio Cinema (071-254 6677)
Newcastle, Tyneside Cinema (091-232 8239)
Norwich, Cinema City (0603 625145)
Shrewsbury, *The Cinema in the Square* (0743 352019)

Rabbits on the run

When that cuddly bunny turns into a kicking monster, it is often abandoned

IF BUGS Bunny were real he would have to have his teeth regularly clipped, and the Flopsy Bunnies would have had their fair share of abscesses and tummy bugs. Small children might adore the fiction, but most find the reality hard to care for.

"People think rabbits make good pets for children, especially as Christmas presents, but they are actually very delicate animals and need a lot of looking after," says Sarah Stevens, a 28-year-old computer validator who has spent most of her spare time over the past three years caring for up to 70 "unwanted presents" in her garden.

Ms Stevens got involved after finding a stray rabbit and being unable to trace its owner. "Rabbits can live for 15 years, as long as a dog or cat, but whereas dogs and cats are generally family pets, rabbits usually belong to one child," she says. "Children grow up and leave home, leaving a reluctant parent to care for their pet and that's when the rabbit is either abandoned or brought to someone like us."

Another snag is that small bunnies into great mammals grow. "Young children find a fully-grown rabbit both too big and too powerful to handle," she points out, "and they quickly lose interest in a pet they can't pick up. Most rabbits are kept singly, which, being sociable animals, they don't like; it tends to make them neurotic and liable to kick and scratch with their large hind legs."

Some of her charges, like Roger, are too traumatised by past experience to socialise. Along with Polly, who has survived surgery for breast cancer, he will never be rehoused. Nor will Clover, a dwarf male whose buck teeth need constant clipping — one of many basic veterinary skills Ms Stevens has taught herself.

Her own rabbit, Toby, runs free-range in the home she shares with her husband, John, six gerbils, and four chinchillas in an indoor aviary. "Rabbits are clean and easy to house-train," she says. "They make good house pets, except they tend to chew through cables."

Her weekly shopping list includes two sacks of carrots, two sacks of dry feed, a crate of greens and a bale each of sawdust and straw. The bill comes to over £100 per month before vet's bills.

David Grant, veterinary director of one of the RSPCA's three hospitals, is blunt on the issue: "I can't imagine a worse present than a rabbit. The RSPCA's view is that people should not give any animals as presents. The particular problem with rabbits is that they are a lot of work: we have rabbits coming in here constantly that are ill or have strayed. Children end up giving the responsibility to their parents."

So what animals do make good pets for youngsters? "The easiest to look after is a goldfish," advises Mr Grant. "And cats are relatively easy, as are guinea pigs and hamsters. But it does depend on what sort of home you have and whether you have a garden."

JENNY MCCLEAN

CARL RUTHERFORD



Rescuer Sarah Stevens and one of the rabbits she has saved

Further exclusive extracts from **Vivian Russell**'s book on the gardens of the French Riviera and the people who made them

A garden of wonder created by a novice


VIVIAN RUSSELL

The spots-in-pots idea at La Casella was inspired by the garden of an Italian villa. Plumbago is grown in containers, counterpointing the clipped lavender, box and santolina

Tom Parr and Claus Scheinert bought La Casella in 1983. It comprised an enclave of various cottages and a substantial villa on two and a half acres of land previously cultivated for jasmine. The house had been built in the 1960s by the architect Robert Streitz, a disciple of the Italian Emilio Terry, as a neo-classical replica of the Pavillon de Pompadour designed by Gabriel in Fontainebleau.

It was obvious from the start that Claus wasn't going to be masterminding the decoration of the interior, as Tom was the chairman of the prestigious design company Colefax and Fowler. Having given up his career as a Munich businessman, Claus found himself "living on the Riviera with nothing to do".

For the better part of the next six years, Claus did nothing else but garden. He read all the books and went to see all the gardens. When he had seen enough to know what he wanted, the local nurseries were plundered. Because he had never gardened before, there were no preconceptions, no preferences, no prejudices. He wanted neither an English garden, a German garden nor a French garden. He didn't want lots of different plants, just plants that would perform — an exterior to match Tom's interior. Slowly a frame of Jamesian "verdant verdurousness" began to form around the ochre villa.

Most Riviera gardens were designed and planted for spring and autumn, but they had decided to live there all year round, so the challenge was how to make the garden look alive and interesting throughout the year: what Edith Wharton, the American author and garden lover, had called "a charm independent of the seasons, a thing of beauty all the year round".

With no overall plan in mind, Claus had "started on the terraces, one after the other. I looked around the gardens here to see what they had, and I planted that, because I knew it would do well." At Villa Noailles, in Grasse, he particularly admired the formality of the winter garden combined with the informality of a summer planting. He also found much inspiration at the Chèvre d'Or. Pierre and Nicole Champin were generous with their plants advice, and jokingly referred to their garden, the Chèvre d'Or, as "the supermarket for the Claus Scheinert garden". After two years' hard labour on his "oeuvre", Nicole Champin sent the Association des Parcs Botaniques to La Casella. This group had been endlessly visiting the same five gardens for a number of years and wanted to see something new. Claus felt honoured. "Tom helped me with the colours, all pastels and no reds, oranges or yellows. You can quarrel about *rouge* in the heat — anyway, taste and colour I got from Tom, but the planting, I did."

The main bones of the garden are evergreen: lawns, cypress hedges and olive trees. Lesser bones are santolina, rosemary, lavender and acanthus, box and jasmine. Against this immutable background of green and silver turns the palette of flowers: plumbago, roses like "Schablikine" and "Lady Waterlow", echiums and romneyas, agapanthus and agrumes. Only the fruit trees, the oranges, lemons and cherries, present bold colour. The greenkeeper of the Opio golf course trims the lawns and paths to putting-green perfection.

In winter the garden remains formal and neatly clipped: in summer it is a fresh green, with extra colour provided by a spots-in-pots technique. All year round there are spots of seasonal frivolity: pansies in winter, white tulips in March, followed by lilies.

This is a garden made by a man who, ten years ago, did not know "the difference between a pansy and a tulip" — and didn't particularly want to know. Gradually, however, the garden crept into his life and, for many years, stole it. Its success is based on a few simple but essential principles and priorities. "What I appreciate are local plants, in silvers, blues, whites and greens, which look good all year round. I stick to what I have and keep it healthy. If you extend too much, the gardeners have trouble keeping it up." He has now been asked by several friends to help with what is termed "*le style* Claud Scheinert", which he defines as convenience and suitability.

WEEKEND TIPS

- *In very cold weather,* Francesca Greenoak writes, *bring into temporary shelter any of your outdoor winter displays that are planted in portable pots, so that the roots do not freeze.*
- *As mail-order seeds arrive, file them in a biscuit box or similar container in order of sowing.*
- *Begin to take cuttings of late-flowering chrysanthemums.*
- *Repot any greenhouse plants that have congested and pot-bound roots.*
- *Sow streptocarpus, browallia and calceolaria in a propagator set at 13C/55F.*
- *Prune weak and crossing branches from gooseberry bushes, and mulch with well-rotted manure or rough compost.*

Floral stairway to paradise

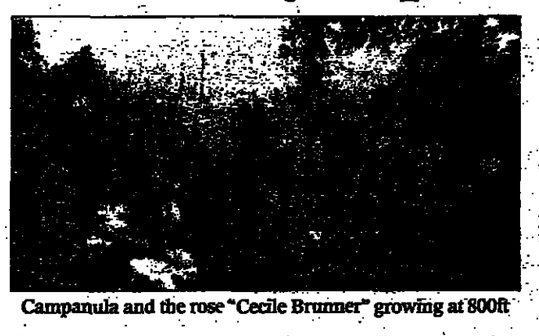
Chemin du Paradis, a narrow path that would test the agility of an alpine goat, leads to an extraordinary gem of a garden hugging the mountainside in the clouds above Grasse. Here, in a little house built originally for the use of shepherds during the summer transhumance of sheep from the scorched pastures of the plains to higher, cooler meadows, lives Bruno Goris.

The place, now called L'Oustaou dei Bailea, was discovered after the war by Bruno's grandfather. Exhausted by his efforts in North Africa and his time in the concentration camps, he took early retirement from the Belgian army and came to Grasse to convalesce. While taking a constitutional *promenade* on the hills, he came upon a terraced grove of 300 orange trees and 45 olives, and was so seduced by the view that he bought the land.

He lost all but one of his orange trees in the catastrophic winter of 1956, but lived there all year round from 1957 onwards, cultivating his remaining olives. Bruno and his two brothers came for holidays, somewhat reluctantly, as the grandfather was difficult and authoritarian. "I am told," Bruno says, grinning, "that we resemble each other more and more."

Towards the end of his life, when he could no longer manage the stairway to "paradise", the grandfather moved to the village, and gave Bruno his gardening tools. When Bruno's parents died within two years of each other, Bruno took over the little house on the hill.

In the beginning, he did odd jobs on the Côte d'Azur then, being an excellent cook, he worked in a restaurant, and there met Norah Warre's great friend Pippa Irwin. She was a customer, and they would talk about plants until late in the evening. Bruno absorbed much knowledge from their talks, and he now looks after the gardens at Villa Roquebrune, Norah Warre's former home.


Campanula and the rose "Cecile Brunner" growing at 800ft

Bruno's garden has achieved so many dimensions that it is easy to forget that the infrastructure supporting this luxuriant jungle is only a terraced hilly terrain. The garden began not as a passion but as a garden "*pour mes besoins*", which meant a potager and fruit trees. The first thing he did, however, was replace the lime tree traditionally planted in front of old houses, which his grandfather, believing it attracted mosquitoes, had felled.

After the lime, he planted fruit trees: cherries, apricots and plums, positioned for easy pollination. The garden is almost ideally situated, facing southeast, protected from the mistral, and well watered by the proximity of the 4,500ft mountain across the valley, which traps the clouds, producing rain and *petits vents coulis*. However, nothing is ever perfect, and chilly gales rush down the mountain gorges several times a year, cutting down the taller, more fragile plants.

Bruno had read in an old book that *Ostrya carpinifolia* is better suited to the Mediterranean than hornbeam, so up went the ostrya hedges in the potager. It was divided into four compartments, according to traditional rotation methods, and protected from a whistling east wind by a hedge of rosemary. The demands of the household kitchen soon exceeded the capacity of the first terrace alone, so this was turned into an area for fast-cropping salads and tomatoes, while the terrace below was devoted to the slower crops — potatoes, onions, strawberries, peas and beans. Bruno is presently on his third potager terrace, planted with artichokes, gooseberries, dahlias and flowers for the house. There is still room for another six terraces should he need them — which he surely will.

Above the potager, yet another six terraces rise up the hill. "There was nothing but olive trees and grass initially, and I found I couldn't mow neatly along the wall, so I began by dividing a large clump of stachys a client had discarded and planted bits of it all along the wall so as not to damage the mower," Bruno says. "Then I put in an abutilon and other bits and pieces to aerate the base of the olives, which otherwise would have choked on grass. The borders are so wide now that the path is barely penetrable. On the top terrace I kept a large patch of grass as a counterpoint to all this *foulllis*."

As a plantsman and a colourist, Bruno is both sensitive and sensible about colours. Like all creative artists, however, he is always evolving and widening the rather narrow confines of "good taste", which has static, if not diminishing, returns.

The "taste war" is most often fought over the use of colour in a garden. People who are happy to paint their dining-rooms bright yellow or decorate their homes with reds or oranges will banish them from the garden. "I was afraid to use colour in the beginning," he says. "I'd always loved colour, but thought it was too violent. First came the yellow abutilon, a plant I like very much, and little by little I began to weave in plants like phlomis and bemerocallis. There were plants that I found, was given or looked for to complete the gamut, and I began to weave them in, adding others to complete the range."

Bruno's great passion is old-fashioned roses. "I would start with a rose and associate three plants around it to lighten or complement it. There was one area that was supposed to be pink and white, but other things crept in among them. Red got in there with the *Rosa ebinensis san-guinea* and *Gross au Duplitz*, which I love very much, so a range of reds came into it."

Interspersed everywhere are the silvers and the violaceous colours — purplish blues which, with the silver foliage, make the transitions.

Bruno created his garden by trying out plants that he liked, adopting an impressionistic or pointillistic approach to accommodate the ranges of colour. The further you get from the house, the more striking and original are the colour combinations — not the least of which is "Rose Henge". Still at the preparatory stage, it is a homage to the sun in orange and yellow. The spiky plants — the agaves, aloes, palms and cacti — have no place here, but he grows many "exotics", notably the holboellia, which everyone expected to fail but which even survived the severe frosts of 1985.

Bruno uses little fertiliser on his plants, so they take a few years to establish, and the humus problem is eased by letting the leaves drop off — except those with black spot or mildew.

Already something of a *folklorique* figure, inseparable from either his straw hat or his dog Cleome, Bruno can be found every year at the "Foire des Plantes" in Nice. There he displays his collection of locally bred Nabonnand roses, his special interest. His love and knowledge of all plants, his capacity for listening to his clients while broadening their perspectives, and treating each garden on its own merits, have made Bruno Goris the most sought-after gardener on the Riviera.

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LADIES

ATTRACTIVE
Woman 40, feminine, single, intelligent, wicked sense of humour. W1. Desires older, wealthy male for romantic, passionate relationship. Discretion assured. Photo essential.
Please Reply to Box No 5262

A bright, beautiful Cestrian desires ed. tasteful n/s gentleman (50-60). My passions: geology, the arts, ideas and beliefs, books, travel, friends. Cheshire/Scotland. Box 5335

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ATTRACTIVE, petite, French female graduate, divorced professional, 39, in London seeks educated caring man of integrity. Photo exchanged. Please Reply to Box No 5389

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ATTRACTIVE Orientalist lady seeks attractive, n/s, successful skiing companion 38+. Photo and phone no. please. Reply to Box No 5390

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BLONDE leathery star quiet exterior but intelligent, sensual centre, caring and loving person tre, caring and loving person seeking 50's to crack ice. Please Reply to Box No 5360

CHARISMATIC slim attractive blonde lady 40's, London. Seeks stimulating caring relationship with established wealthy businessman, 45-70, possessing style and presence. Photo app Reply Box No 5284

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GLOS, lady, 34, intelligent, attractive, C. of E. seeks prof well-ed man 35-40 to share love of music, lit. + evensong. Please Reply to Box No 5332.

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ATTRACTIVE mid elegant young lady companion, preferably oriental, required by modern day English aristocrat. French nationality, for spoiling & wild love. Meeting London. Please please. Box No 5279

ATTRACTIVE London Lawyer, 46, seeks unmarried lady for accomplished relationship. Please Reply to Box No 5287

CHESH/LANCS single male, 36, attractive, 5'10", varied interests: caring, considerate, seeks similar lady 30-36 for genuine friendship. Box No 5345

COUNTRY loving gentleman 5'9 tall slim & kind. Are you under 32 very attractive, sensuous, romantic, slim & giving. If so I would love to meet you, hopefully for keeps. Photo please, you won't regret it. Please reply to Box No 5386

CULTURAL intrepid/dangerous fit, mid-middle aged, yet hopeful. Any qualities accept intense. N.Yorks but mobile. Reply to Box No 5367

CULTURED athletic Oxonian, 40, seeks attractive, intelligent, lady for Twelfth Night and beyond, SW London Box 5331

DO you live in North London? Is it you? Prof man, late 40's, well-travelled, solvent, sincere, slim, romantic, seeks slender woman for exotic good. Somewhat secure with satisfaction. Please Reply to Box No 5366

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GENTLEMAN, tall independent and successful (60) reaching out a hand for an attractive, feminine special lady (48-60) with whom to share lives dreams. Surrey/SE. Photograph essential. Box No 5282

HANDSOME West Indian architect 36 years old 6ft 2", slender, sophisticated, affectionate divorcee, very health conscious, owns home in London & Florida will be migrating to Florida in the near future seeks very attractive, intelligent female who must have a warm personality and be health conscious for friendship view to marriage. Please send photo & a brief letter to Box No 6108

IF you're a lively attractive lady, 35-45, who knows how to live a little and laugh a lot then this successful professor/actor (48), 5'11", single mum and solvent) would like to hear from you. Photo appreciated. Please reply to Box No 5281

INTELLECTUAL goodlooking man seeks beautiful tall partner for dancing & more. Photo plse - London. Photo plse. Box 5344

LAWYER 40 seeks younger professional girl for winding, dining and loving. Box No 5275

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MILLIONAIRE I'm not who's he? Fit & dirty who can play cricket - sociality - when called - seeks classmate. Problem is I have a social disability - I run a country domain. Anyone there? - Please Reply to Box No 5242

ME Lawyer male 36 seeks attractive intelligent female for serious romance and loving relationship. Box No 5307

O.E. I play cat. Where are you hiding? Attractive yet modest, elegant, slim, beautiful co-pilot, n/s, early 30's, for happy landings & flights. Please plse. Please Reply to Box No 5362

PROFESSIONAL businessman 45. Happy enough on his own but would like to meet an independent female to share occasional evenings out, if in London, or romance elsewhere if would be lovely. I'm kinda caring with a sensibility sense of humour - a good pay cheque when I'm cross. Recent photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 5312

PROFESSIONAL Man seeks companionship of broadly christian woman aged 30 plus. In The Manchester or North West areas. Reply Box No 6252

RECENTLY separated father of two, 40's, from wealthy family searching for a soulmate. Good breeding, loves polo, bowls, architecture and talking to plants. Own house, seeks potential London residence and several overseas country retreats. Do you fit the bill? Please Reply to Box No 5378

RETIRED Central Londoner, 68, Wide interests..... Classically secure, n/s, Francophile, possible emigrant. Wishes to meet fit educated, active, outward caring, lady 57-65. Exchange photos. Reply to Box No 5346

ROTUND David, 40 something seeks wibbling to rhyme June, moon and spoon. Is stuck on dejected, neglected and rejected. Is there a paragon who can turn a prosaic 93 into an egotistic poetic 94? Please Reply to Box No 5341.

SEEKING interesting and warm relationship, many years abroad, financially independent, 52 years old, wide interests, very active mind. Please Reply to Box No 5272.

SINGAPORE Indian businessman non-smoker/drinker, 34, seeks female companion for travel, music, sport, reading, humour, Reply to Box No 5288

SPORTY graduate 40, well travelled and spoken, seeks tall educated lady, under 35 to share affection, values, interests, travel and humour. Landed based. Letter and photo please to Box No 5280

SUGAR - DADDY aims for a pretty girl, speaking French, wishing to spend weekends or holidays in Paris. Reply to Box No 5288

TALL, attractive, solvent 39 yr old male seeks discerning and alluring woman to share good times and bad. Devon area. Please reply to Box No 5328

TALL slim professional 45 seeks younger tolerant attractive girl to share country pursuits seeks warm witty and accomplished female for friendship and who knows where. Birmingham. Box 5330

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NEW RELEASES

ANOTHER STAKEOUT (PG): Return visit of Richard Dreyfuss and Emilio Estevez's bantering cops: comedy and action for the easily pleased. Director, John Badham. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

CENTURY (15): Stephen Poliakoff's muddled dissection of science and morality in turn-of-the-century London. With Clive Owen, Charles Dance, Miranda Richardson.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Phoenix East Finchley** (081-883 2233)



Miranda Richardson in Poliakoff's drama, *Century*

MAC (18): Refreshing, old-fashioned salute to the common man from actor, co-writer and director John Turturro.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGMs: Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772)

CURRENT

ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES (PG): A new baby causes chaos in America's most macabre household. Overblown sequel, with good stretches. With Raul Julia, Anjelica Huston; director, Barry Sonnenfeld.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

ALADDIN (U): Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations, though Robin Williams's Genie is fun. Directors, John Musker, Ron Clements.
Barbican Ⓢ (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) *Odeons:* **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

AMERICAN HEART (15): Father and son hit the Seattle streets. Well-meaning social drama from director Martin Bell; with Jeff Bridges.
Odeon Mezzanine Ⓢ (0426 915683)

BOUND & GAGGED: A LOVE STORY (18): Muddled comic adventures in search of the characters' better selves. American independent misfire from writer-director Daniel Appleby.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

CINEMA PARADISO: THE SPECIAL EDITION (PG): Longer, inferior version of Giuseppe Tornatore's Oscar-winner about the life and loves of a Sicilian boy projectionist.
Metro (071-437 0757)

DESPERATE REMEDIES (15): Airless, exhausting high camp from New Zealand: a period tale of love and deceit. Stewart Main and Peter Wells direct.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

THE FUGITIVE (12): 1960s *television series roars back to life* with Harrison Ford as the fugitive trying to clear his name; director, Andrew Davis.
MGMs: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

JURASSIC PARK (PG): Clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough. Director, Steven Spielberg
Empire Ⓢ (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Plaza** Ⓢ (071-437 1234/497 9999)

KING OF THE HILL (12): Astute and touching memoir of a Depression childhood, directed by Steven Soderbergh from A.E. Hotchner's book. With Jesse Bradford and Jeroen Krabbé.
Gate Ⓢ (071-727 4043) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279)

LATE SPRING: Moving portrait of a father and his dutiful daughter, from the Japanese master Yasujiro Ozu; made in 1949. Part of an Ozu season.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

THE METEOR MAN (PG): Timid Washington teacher turns superhero and cleans up the community. Bland, dishevelled, well-meaning fantasy from Robert Townsend.
Electric Ⓢ (071-792 2020)

A PERFECT WORLD (15): Kevin Costner's criminal on the run with a kidnapped child, and Clint Eastwood in pursuit. Thoughtful if overstretched drama; Eastwood also directs.
Barbican Ⓢ (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (071-727 6705) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

ROBIN HOOD: MEN IN TIGHTS (PG): Unfunny, outdated Sherwood Forest spoof from Mel Brooks, with Cary Elwes.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

THE SECRET GARDEN (U): Polished version of Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic; a confident mainstream debut for director Agnieszka Holland. With Kate Maberly, Maggie Smith.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Screen on the Hill** Ⓢ (071-435 3366) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

TRUE ROMANCE (18): Lovers on the run with a suitcase of cocaine. Smart lines, a strong cast, but excessively noisy, violent and empty. Tony Scott directs Christian Slater and Patricia Arquette.
Plaza Ⓢ (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

THEATRE

LONDON

AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY: Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife, Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon*. Inevitable hotel room panics in the second act.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Previews today, 3pm and 7.45pm, Mon, 7.45pm. Opens Tues, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

ANORAK OF FIRE: Return of Stephen Dinsdale's hilarious but also touching account of a trainspotter's obsession. James Holmes plays the dedicated hero.
Arts, Great Newport St, WC2 (071-836 2132). Tues-Sat, 8pm; mat, Sat, 5pm.

ASPECTS OF LOVE: Andrew Lloyd Webber now has six musicals running concurrently as this one returns for a short revival. Not one of the best.
Prince of Wales, Coventry St, WC2 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats, Wed and Sat, 3pm. Until Jan 15.

THE CAVALCADERS: Another marvellous play from Billy Roche, this time set in a cobbler's shop. A man is haunted by the memory of a woman who betrayed him. Dublin's Abbey Theatre production, directed by Robin Lefevre.
Royal Court, Sloane Square SW1 (071-730 1745). Previews Thurs, 7.30pm. Opens Fri, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat, Sat, 3.30pm. Until Feb 5.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: Patrick Stewart plays 39 characters in this solo performance of the Dickens tale. Acclaimed on Broadway.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm (except Mon Jan 3); mats, today, Tues, Thurs, next Sat at 2pm; tomorrow, 4pm. Until next Sat.

THE EGG: Intriguing revival of Felicien Marceau's comedy (L'Oeuf) from the 1950s: can Emile crack the system that looks so smooth and impenetrable, like an egg?
Camden Studio Theatre, Offstage Bookshop, Chalk Farm Road, NW1 (071-916 4040). Previews today and Mon, 8pm. Opens Tues, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Jan 22.

JAMAIS VU: Ken Campbell, in typical form with his brilliant blend of humour and philosophical acumen.
Vaudeville Theatre, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats, Sat, 2.30pm. Last week.

MACBETH: Derek Jacobi and Cheryl Campbell play the hell-hound and his dame in Adrian Noble's new production
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tues and Wed, 7.15pm, Thurs, 2pm and 7.15pm, Fri, 7.15pm. Ⓢ

OLEANNA: Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Harold Pinter's production of David Mamet's play. A new cast takes over on Jan 10.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats, Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

PLAYHOUSE CREATURES: The Sphinx present April de Angelis's latest: the success and struggles of Nell Gwyn and the first English actresses. With Fleur Bennett and Frances Cuka.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 8701). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat, Sat, 4pm. No perf Mon. Last week. Ⓢ

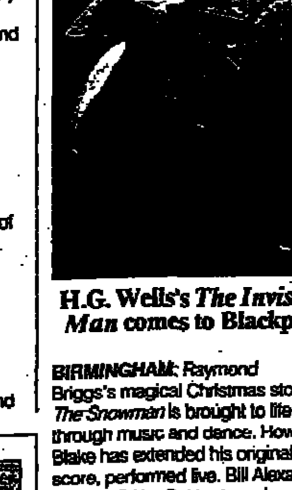
SUICIDE & MANIPULATION: The initials are S & M and the subject is damaged lives, but the setting is the "rarified world of the super-famous and the fabulously fashionable". By the author of *Tango 'til You're Sore*.
Finborough, 118 Finborough Road, SW10 (071-373 3842). *Previews Tues and Wed, 8pm.* Opens Thurs, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Jan 29.

TRUE WEST: Mark Houghton and Clive Saunders in Grove Studio's revival of Sam Shepard's fratricidal drama: LA, two brothers and a film script.
New End Theatre, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Previews Tues and Wed, 8pm. Opens Thurs, 8pm. Then Tues-Sat, 8pm, mat, Sun, 5pm. Until *Jan 30.*

WALLENSTEIN: Tim Albery's directing debut for the RSC in Schiller's mighty drama about power's capacity to corrupt.
Barbican Centre (Pit), EC2 (071-638 8891). Last perfs: today and Mon, 7.15pm, Fri, 7.15pm, next Sat, 7.15pm and mat, 2pm. Ⓢ

REGIONAL

BASINGSTOKE: Catherine Cusack plays the trapped student in Ira Levin's psychological thriller *Veronica's Room*, forced by a pair of servants to impersonate a long-dead daughter of the house. With Frances White and William Franklyn.
Haymarket, Wote Street (0256 465566). Opens Thurs, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats, Wed (Jan 26) and Sats, 3pm. Until Jan 29. Ⓢ



H.G. Wells's *The Invisible Man* comes to Blackpool

BIRMINGHAM: Raymond Briggs's magical Christmas story *The Snowman* is brought to life through music and dance. Howard Blake has extended his original score, performed live. Bill Alexander directs. *Blithe Spirit* returns in rep from Monday.
Repertory Theatre, Centenary Square (021-236 4455). Today, 4pm and 7pm. Then Mon-Fri, 10.30am and 2pm. Until Jan 29. Ⓢ

BLACKPOOL: A blend of staggering illusion, spine-tingling tension and good-old-fashioned fun is in store with Ken Hill's adaptation of H.G. Wells's classic story *The Invisible Man*.
Grand Theatre, Church Street (0253 28372). Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Then Mon-next Sat, 7.30pm, mats, Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Until next Sat. Ⓢ

SCARBOROUGH: Set in a food warehouse during the night shift. *The End of the Food Chain* is described as "a comedy with a dark chocolate centre". Tim Firth's fourth play for Ayckbourn's theatre.
Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round (0723 370541). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Jan 22.



A mosaic panel, *Eros*, by the distinguished Glasgow architect and designer, George Walton (See Exhibitions)

DANCE

ROMEO AND JULIET: Kenneth MacMillan's full-blooded version of Shakespeare returns to Covent Garden for a short run. Thursday's opening night features the exciting Leanne Benjamin as Juliet.
Royal Opera House (071-240 1066), Thurs, Fri, 7.30pm.

NUTCRACKER: Tchaikovsky's perennial Christmas favourite continues to dominate. The Royal is offering Peter Wright's nostalgic production, while ENB, on the South Bank, opts for Ben Stevenson's excellent version.
Royal Opera House, today, 6pm, Mon, 2pm, 7pm, Wed, 7.30pm. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), today, 2.30pm, 7.30pm, Mon, 2.30pm, 7.30pm, Tues-Fri, 7.30pm.

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The LSO see in the New Year with a series of festive Viennese Concerts featuring the usual lively mix of waltzes, marches and polkas by the Strauss family and their compatriots. John Giorgiadis conducts.
Barbican, Silk Street, London, EC2 (071-638 8891), today, 3pm, 7.30pm; tomorrow, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

NEW LONDON CONSORT: Soprano Catherine Bott joins Philip Pickett and the New London Consort for a programme billed as "The Garden of Earthly Delights", an enticing and wide-ranging selection of virtuosic secular music from the late 14th and early 15th centuries.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), Fri, 8pm.

JOAN RODGERS: One of Britain's most characterful and appealing sopranos demonstrates her vocal and thematic range with a programme of songs by Wolf, Berg, Strauss and Schoenberg. Roger Vignoles accompanies.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London, W1 (071-935 2141), Thurs, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

OPERA

COSI FAN TUTTE: Music Theatre London's small-scale operatic updatings are witty, irreverent, hugely entertaining and definitely not for purists. The latest in the series is Mozart's dark comedy, directed, as ever, by Nick Broadhurst; the music arranged and the libretto translated by Tony Britten.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800), today, 7pm. Ⓢ

THE MAGIC FLUTE: The resourceful Peter Knapp directs Travelling Opera's new production of Mozart's masterpiece, performed as ever in English and in a staging direct enough to withstand the demands of the 40 or so venues to which the company tours each year.
Barbican, Silk Street, London, EC2 (071-638 8891), Wed, Thurs, Fri, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

TWO WIDOWS: Directed by Daivd Pountney (who has previously staged the work at Wexford and at Scottish Opera), ENO's new production communicates much of the charm of Smetana's comedy, which was last seen in London 30 years ago. Anne-Marie Owens is on splendid form as the unmerry widow, solidly supported by Marie Mclaughlin, David Rendall and Donald Adams. Only Adam Fischer's unsubtle and imprecise conducting robs the evening of ultimate success.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London, WC2 (071-836 3161), Thurs, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

ROCK

UB40: Revitalised after the chart success of their *Promises and Lies* album last year, the original reggae crossover band take to the road.
International Arena, Cardiff (0222 234500), Wed, Thurs, 6.30pm. Ⓢ

STING: The crooner whose *Ten Summoner's Tales* album revealed a new lightheartedness, has teamed up with Bryan Adams and Rod Stewart to produce "All For Love", a ballad for the forthcoming Disney feature, *The Three Musketeers*. He plays at London's Royal Albert Hall, January 11-14.
NEC, Birmingham (021-780 4133), Fri, 8pm Ⓢ

JAZZ

SPIRITS REJOICE DEDICATION ORCHESTRA: This 20-piece modern jazz orchestra includes top names such as pianist Keith Tippett, drummer Louis Moholo, trumpeter Harry Beckett and trombonist Annie Whitehead. A small group from the orchestra (Moholo, Tippett, Sean Bergin, Elton Dean and Paul Rogers) plays at the Vortex tomorrow
London, 100 Club (071-636 0933), today, 4pm and 8pm.
London, Vortex (071-254 6516), tomorrow, 6pm

PETE KING/BOBBY WELLINS
The two British veteran saxophonists team up for a promising-sounding session.
Bull's Head London SW13 (081-876 5241), today, 8pm.

EXHIBITIONS

LONDON

AMERICA IN LONDON: The show undoubtedly is of American craftsmanship and design, and is in London, but it is selected from the collection of the American Museum in Britain, near Bath, and its theme is the influence of European roots on American crafts. From Spanish-Colonial to Pennsylvania German, the European heritage is very various, and is juxtaposed with native American work to show the evolution of a distinctively American approach.
Christie's, 8 King Street, SW1 (071-839 9060). Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, opens Thurs to Jan 27.

ALEJANDRO XUL SOLAR: Among the leaders of the Argentine avant-garde, Xul Solar worked in Buenos Aires from his return from Europe in 1924 until his death in 1963. Little known in Britain, he is effectively introduced to this country with a show of works on paper, all representing visions of the new architectures — a subject which fascinated him.
Courtauld Institute Galleries, Somerset House, Strand, WC2 (071-873 2526). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, opens Wed to Feb 27. Ⓢ

WILLI SOUKOP. A senior RA, Soukop has seldom had his proper share of the limelight. Now in his 80s, he has worked with exemplary consistency on his sculptures and related drawings for most of his adult life. This show, though small, offers a fetching sampling of the drawings and sculptures illustrating Soukop's strong formal sense and obstinate humanism.
Friends' Room, Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily, 4-6pm, opens Thurs to Feb 13 Ⓢ

DRAWINGS FROM THE J. PAUL GETTY MUSEUM: Since 1981, the Getty Museum has put together one of the finest collections of drawings in the world. This loan show includes some 120 of them, *ranging from Leonardo's Three Sketches of a Child with a Lamb* to Rembrandt's *Woman with a Snake (Cleopatra)*.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily 10am-6pm, until Jan 23. Sponsored by *The Times* Ⓢ

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Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 8500). Mon, midday-5.50pm, Tues-Sun, 10am-5.50pm, until Jan 9. Closed today. Ⓢ

OLD MASTER DRAWINGS FROM CHATSWORTH. The cream of the Duke of Devonshire's drawing collection at Chatsworth is well-known, but this large show (220 works) digs out some very little-known examples as well as the standard Rembrandts, Leonardos, Raphaels, Reubenses and Titians. Hard to choose highlights, but the wonderful Dürers and Holbeins and the group of views of the Amstel by Rembrandt, acquired in 1724, are a good place to start.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-636 1555). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, until Jan 9. Closed today.

LONDON AT HOME. The photographer Magda Segal has over the last year undertaken the project of documenting a cross-section of London's homelife, from a single man with two dogs to a family of 17 Hasidic Jews. The show consists of 50 black-and-white photographs, introduced by Alan Bennett, whose portrait by Segal hangs in the National Portrait Gallery
Museum of London, London Wall, EC2 (071-600 3699). Tues-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, midday-6pm, until Feb 27. Closed today, open tomorrow and Mon Ⓢ

KEN KIFF. Kiff might seem an unlikely choice for a National Gallery associate artist, with a brief to produce over two years work directly *related to paintings in the gallery*. His own private mythology is so potent. But at the same time he has always been steeped in art history, and this latest batch of work suggests fruitful encounters with such as Bellini, Crivelli, Patenier and Rubens
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321). Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun, 2-6pm, until Jan 9. Closed today Ⓢ

BEN NICHOLSON. This year is the centenary of Ben Nicholson's birth. Consideration of his place in 20th-century British, or indeed world, art has languished somewhat since his death in 1982, but this comprehensive show, taking him from representation to abstraction and back again, should help the debate resume.
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REGIONAL

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Burrell Collection, Pollok Country Park, Glasgow (041-649 7151). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 11am-5pm, until Mar 13. Closed today and tomorrow Ⓢ

GEORGE WALTON: The distinguished Glasgow architect and designer has been overshadowed by his contemporary Charles Rennie Mackintosh. But 60 years after his death he is worth taking another look at. Though his stylistic development was less individual than Mackintosh's, he also made an interesting transition from Art Nouveau to his own kind of modernism
Brighton Museum and Art Gallery, Church Street Brighton (0273 603005). Mon-Tues, Thurs-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, until Jan 9. Closed today.

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LAST ACTION HERO (20:20 Vision, 15): A movie-mad kid magically joins Arnold Schwarzenegger on the silver screen. This was one of 1993's noisiest extravaganzas, a few good ideas poke through. John McTiernan is the director. 1993.

Film: Geoff Brown, **Theatre:** Jeremy Kingston, **Classical Music and Opera:** Gwen Hughes, **Rock and Jazz:** Stephanie Osborne, **Dance:** Debra Craine: **Exhibitions:** John Russell Taylor; **New Videos:** Geoff Brown; **Bookings:** Kris Anderson

WORD-WATCHING

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DOXASTIC
(b) Of or pertaining to opinion, depending on or exercising opinion, also, as a substantive, an object of opinion, from the Greek *doxastikos*, ex *doxazein* to conjecture: "Things which may be seen by the eyes, and touched by the hand, and which Plato calls doxastic."

ELDRITCH
(a) Weird, ghostly, unnatural, frightful, hideous, of obscure origin, the conjectured connexion with *elf* would be suitable for the sense, elves not being as cuddly as represented by modern children's fiction since Tolkien, and is supported by the form *elphrish*, apparently the same word: "In concluding my remarks, I and I am sure the whole committee wishes to join me in this, want to pay special tribute to our eldritch member, Mrs Bucket, who has been untiring in..."

ADVENTITIOUS
(c) Of the nature of an addition from without; extrinsically added, not essentially inherent; supervenient, accidental, casual; from the Medieval Latin *adventitius* coming to us from abroad: "How adventitious, kind sir, that you should reverse your car into the very space occupied by my own."

BASTO
(c) The ace of clubs in quadrille and ombre, from the Spanish *basto* in the same sense, the whole suit of Clubs being called *bastos*, and the ace being *el Basto* par excellence; in Italian *Bastone*, from a club or baton: Pope, *Rape of the Lock*, 1714: "Him basto follow'd, but his fate more hard, / Gain'd but one trump and one plebeian card."

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SIX SHOWS THAT SHOCKED THE WORLD: *Times* critics relive the century's cultural sensations

Britten's victory over the backstabbers

DAY SIX: English opera's greatest work for 250 years faced a stormy premiere, writes Richard Morrison





Peter Pears (left), a conscientious objector, caused resentment in 1945 when given the title role in the premiere of *Peter Grimes* (right). Yet he gave the performance of his life

Picture Frank Howes, *The Times*'s music critic, hurrying from Sadler's Wells to Printing House Square on that sticky June night. His progress is not easy: the streets are packed with people in uniform. War in Europe ended a month earlier. Japanese surrender is just weeks away — though few people have any inkling of the terrible new weapon which will force that surrender. London's pubs and theatres are truly alive for the first time in six years. Hope is in the air.

Howes, too, has momentous tidings to tell. It almost seems symbolic. He enters the office, glances urgently at the clock, takes out his exquisite fountain-pen and scribbles this magisterial sentence: "It is a long time indeed since a new full-length opera by an English composer has thrown down its challenge for acceptance into the small number of works that will hold the stage and add something new to musical experience."

A long time it certainly is, more than 250 years, in fact, since Purcell wrote *Dido and Aeneas*. Howes is describing the first performance of Benjamin Britten's *Peter Grimes*. "It is a good omen for English opera," he continues, "that this first-fruit of peace should declare decisively that opera on the grand scale can still be written."

At which point we may leave Howes in his happy delirium. What he had just heard was undoubtedly a masterpiece; within two years the 31-year-old Britten's first opera had been staged by a dozen major opera houses throughout the world, from La Scala to the Met. A remarkable achievement for a piece with such peculiar subject-matter: a psychotic Suffolk fisherman whose boy apprentices have a disturbing tendency to die while in his company. But "a good omen for English opera"? If Howes had known what we know now about the backstage back-stabbing surrounding that Sadler's Wells triumph, he would never have written those optimistic words.

The trouble was partly that Sadler's Wells Opera was making its great return to its home theatre, which had been providing shelter for Blitz victims since 1940. Many patrons and singers would undoubtedly have preferred a Puccini or Verdi favourite to have reopened the theatre. Somebody even suggested *Merrie England*.

Anyway, argued the reactionaries, if it had to be a new opera, why did it have to be by Britten? The man had refused to fight for his country. He was known to be "a queer", a close friend of Auden, Isherwood and other notoriously degenerate arty-types. And he had cast his own lover, Peter Pears, in the title-role of the new work!

Pears was also a conscientious objector. So was Eric Crozier, who was staging *Peter Grimes*. In June 1945, such things mattered. What's more, the new opera had no parts for some of Sadler's Wells' most eminent singers — and Joan Cross (the company's director, and Britten's staunchest supporter) awarded the main female role to herself.

No wonder a whispering campaign grew to grotesque proportions during rehearsals. Dark rumours were spread about the opera's impenetrable complexity and morbidity. Tyrone Guthrie, the company's general administrator, unwisely let it be known that he believed the brightest colour on stage should be "a shade of pale black". The singer originally cast as Balstrode walked out, declaring that he could "not be bothered to learn such outlandish stuff".

Then the lurid plot was leaked, suitably mangled. George Crabbe's original poem had described Grimes as a sadist who beat his apprentices to death. However, Montagu Slater — the left-wing playwright chosen by Britten as his librettist — gave the story a much more modern slant. Grimes the persecutor became Grimes the persecuted, and the story became a defence of "outsiders" who do not conform to bourgeois standards. Outsiders, such as conscientious objectors, perhaps. Or homosexuals.

Britten made no secret of this intention. "A central feeling for us was that of the individual against the crowd, with ironic overtones for our own situation," he wrote. This, too, enraged the reactionaries. Had we just won a war to protect the British way of life, only for some clever little squirt to revile it on the operatic stage?

Even before the first night, reported Scott Goddard, the music critic of the *News Chronicle*, "it became impossible to mention *Peter Grimes* without discussion degenerating into argument: nothing could be discovered of its artistic quality, so heavy was the cloud of sociological, political, even ethical bickering surrounding the work".

Six days before the opening, a deputation of Sadler's Wells singers hostile to *Peter Grimes* succeeded in seizing managerial control of the company. It was too late to stop the premiere. But this palace revolution profoundly stunted the growth of British operatic life.

Not that anybody could have guessed this at the premiere. Nearly every great name in British music was present: Vaughan Williams, William Walton, Michael Tippett, Yehudi Menuhin. Britten paced up and down at the back of the dress circle through the whole show, his face knotted in nervousness.

The performance was not faultless. But in that small theatre such cataclysmic passages as the storm interlude and the manhunt had a devastating impact. Pears, everybody agreed, gave the performance of his life — a demented, wild, haunting portrayal. At the end there was a full half-minute of silence, then the house erupted: cheers, 14 curtain-calls and, said one reporter, "a few timid and half-hearted boos". There were eight more performances, all packed.

Astonishingly, the musical idiom — which now seems only a half-step advanced from Puccini — baffled many. Edward Dent, the Cambridge professor of music, said the music "reminded him of "the noise of a motorbike starting up". The *Evening Standard* opined that "the harmonies are modern and discordant, as if the composer himself were some kind of robot with a hatred of mankind".

According to the *Manchester Guardian*, the opera "failed in the important matter of getting itself across". The *Birmingham Post* declared it "gloomy, harrowing and depressing in the extreme". But even critics who did not much like the piece admitted that it was a work of genius. Its premiere, wrote *Picture Post*, "may well be remembered as the date of the reinstatement of opera in the musical life of this country".

Perhaps it is. But how much more powerful that operatic renaissance could have been if the major figures had not become embroiled in jealous squabbles. Within nine months, Cross, Pears and Crozier had all been ousted from Sadler's Wells. Gone, too, was Reginald Goodall, the brilliant young conductor entrusted with the premiere.

As for Britten, he never wrote another opera for Sadler's Wells. Absurdly, our greatest opera composer had fallen out with our first real national opera company. And within eight years Britten had become estranged from Glyndebourne and Covent Garden as well. He retreated to Snape Maltings, surrounded himself with sycophants, ruthlessly dispensed with those who had served their purpose, and maintained absolute control over every aspect of his works' productions.

His artistic horizons inevitably shrank as a result. He probably never wrote a more gripping opera than *Peter Grimes*. And there has probably never been a more exciting night in British opera than that of June 7, 1945. As with many other postwar dreams, however, the promise of a golden age soured all too swiftly into disillusion.

OPERA

Mozart and RAF scale the heights

Così Fan Tutte
Queen Elizabeth Hall

MUSIC Theatre London has done it again. By re-orchestrating Mozart, rewriting his librettist, omitting bar upon bar of music, and adding line upon line of dialogue, this maverick company has paradoxically come closer to both the composer and to the audience than many a mainstream company manages in a lifetime.

Così Fan Tutte follows previous MTL productions of *Don Giovanni* and *The Marriage of Figaro*, completing the trilogy of operas with words by da Ponte. Not that his words get much of a look-in. Music director Tony Britten's translation and director Nick Broadhurst's additional dialogue is an unashamed adaptation. It updates, but it also universalises: behind the 1990s particulars there is a grasp of the emotional and philosophical core of the work as true and as felicitously expressed as Tony Britten's distillation of the score for six-piece band.

Simon Butteriss's Ferrando and Peter Corry's Guglielmo are RAF pilots called by Don Alfonso (Richard Hampton as a former RAF pilot) to combat. Fiordiligi (Jacinta Mulcahy) and Dorabella (Mary Lincoln) have a Range Rover and the right sort of kitchen in which their, shall we say, lower middle-class neighbour, Despina (Marilyn Cutts), mocks the tofu and the pesto, and plunges the cafetière at times of stress.

Ferrando and Guglielmo turn into Buck and Chuck (transatlantic does, after all, rhyme rather well with romantic), and Despina's Mesmerism becomes, inevitably, the healing art of crystals. Broadhurst and his designer, Simon Higlett, were determined to have as much fun as the audience.

What is far harder is to transcribe the tone of *Così*. Its psychology is laceratingly real: its circumstance and musical language are full of artifice and symmetry which baffled the 19th century, and continues to test every director today. The Act I terzetto of parting is both ridiculous and heart-rending. The music alone contains the equipoise; and when the fragile balance of its close-harmony ensembles and the delicate ironies of its vocal extravaganzas are man-handled, danger is near.

This is not a company of opera singers, and the larynxes and diaphragms of Jacinta Mulcahy and Simon Butteriss in particular were sorely tested. Where dramatic strength could absorb vocal shortfall in MLT's *Figaro*, *Così* could not be so easily appeased. This is a lesser triumph for MLT, but it is a triumph still. As Despina tears up her payment, and the inner rage of Don Alfonso finally creeps through the entire cast, the particular power of this *Così* asserts itself irresistibly. The final performance is tonight.

HILARY FINCH

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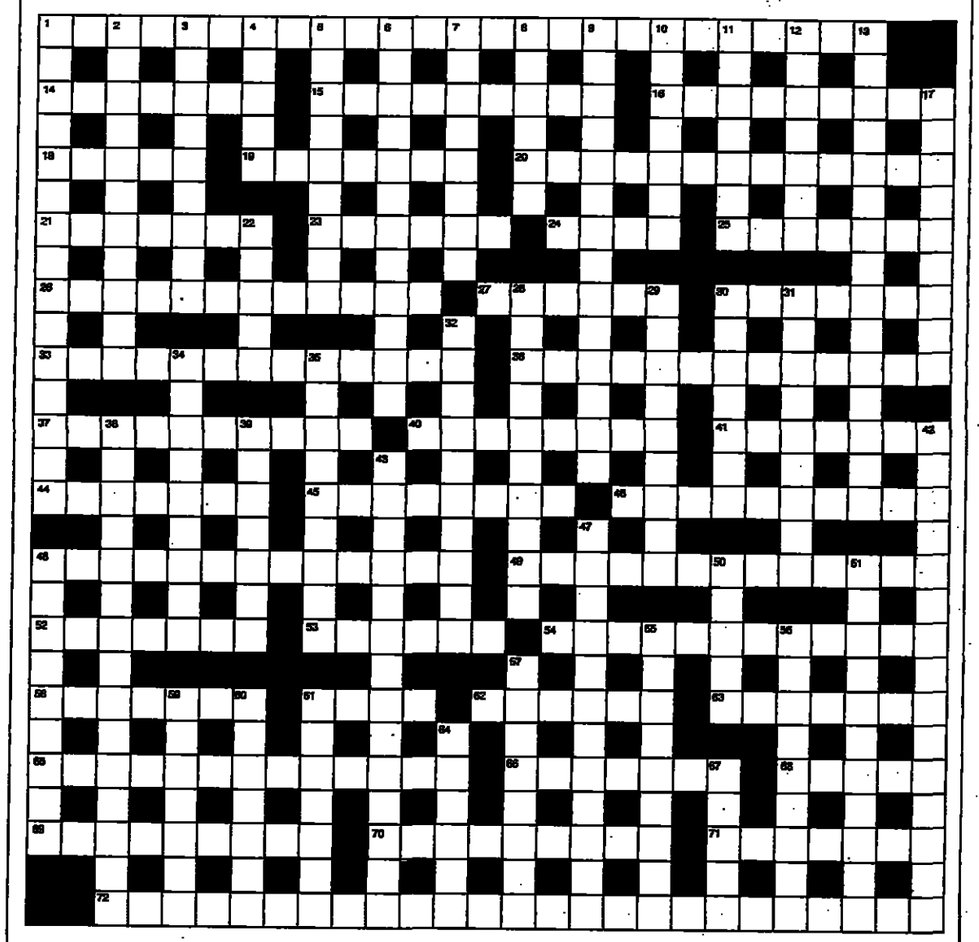
1 Child's introduction to reported deployment of lower members? (4,6,3,4,2,6)
14 He is legally bound to another girl — boo! what a mess (7)
15 Band-box in strange Scottish setting (9)
16 Old publicans never going wrong in ratings (9)
18 Singers in typical Tosca production (5)
19 She succeeded in Washington Square (7)
20 Do they look for irregularities in personal columns? (13)
21 Fish-farming in bays, say? (7)
23 Rubbing noses is OK with me, if controlled (6)
24 One of the dukes with maximum holding of Western dollars? (4)
25 Remove locks from Judaea's fifth Roman Procurator (7)
26 Worker at tiller, in spasm, needs a vermifuge! (12)
27 Went in first and removed cap (6)
30 Signalling pioneer of Romanic origin (7)
33 Boasting by contractors of apparatuses for releasing fuel-substances from tar (3-10)
36 Dumb about curious Latin clue of more than two fundamental parts (13)
37 Investigating officers? (10)
40 Neat sweater (8)
41 Better half of a symmetrical night-burner? (7)
44 Divine figure? Not half! (7)
45 It's improper to dine out with a very small sum of money (8)
46 More than one go down, we hear, in stores (10)
48 Declining so, verger tries to rearrange ... (13)
49 ... version of a CE canto heard in Grantley's office (13)
52 Remains in the saddle and puts off retirement (5,2)
53 Undernourished family in south New York (6)
54 Point raised, made to a specific order (7-5)
58 Rather sophisticated poster about the way to the Orient (7)
61 Home fixture for City (4)
62 Secluded place for a holiday (6)
63 The queen leaves unhealthy cucumbers to die (7)
65 Scotsman in discussion with colleagues of Henry Higgins, possibly (13)
66 A Jewish theologian is put down (7)
68 Traffic row one leaves (5)
69 Regulated systems of intake in parliament — heavenly sign! (9)
70 Intrinsic quality popular in this place (not counting early-starters) (9)
71 Bitter old Dutch fish? (7)
72 How to do too much? The old husband can not — better reform! (2,4,3,6,2,4,4,)

DOWN

1 Citizen of Coketown who restricted the issue to facts? (6,9)
2 Benighted people in funny repeats (11)
3 Member is slow to codify (9)
4 Candle in church at foot of hill (5)
5 Caledonia turned out to be lukewarm in religious matters (9)
6 Cutters requiring, say, steel blades (6-6)
7 Catch divers being merry! (8)
8 Lure out of apprenticeship (6)
9 Reactionary custom, taking a tip (14)
10 Remote settlement has an old-fashioned standard (7)
11 Unfavourable commercial lines (7)
12 Capital needed to produce some thick Arachis-oil (7)
13 Vincent's vegetarians put up in Amsterdam? (3,6,6)
17 Make uniform my size, set out (9)
22 Like St Paul's, fated to be short of oxygen? (5)
28 One in a pram tricked out as a toy dog (10)
29 Countless numbers turning up to help king's breakfast-attendant (9)
30 Having got his man, he takes a second to release bonds (7)
31 How spirituals are to be sung? (9)
32 "The Herald's Arms" in the centre of Hull? (10)
34 Becomes wild in bed? (9)
35 He thought he was winning on the pools (9)
38 House is easy to recognise — it is partly open (4-11)
39 Tendency to score in rough water? (4-3)
42 Sensitive state of Tees business, PLC going bust? (15)
43 Executive put poster on leading street car promoting show (14)
47 Acceptance of EEC quinces, perhaps, following bill? (12)
48 Cancelled, did screen revival (9)
50 Church recess, perhaps, isolates an inner element (5)
51 Fulsome praise about the Channel Islands is turning sour (11)
55 Shut up about climbing-frame that is troublesome! (9)
56 Set out in front? (4-5)
57 Went off to be fixed (8)
59 You strike, you say, for a treasured possession? (3-4)
60 Getting madder in period before row (7)
61 Eddy comes of stern stock (7)
64 A maths problem can mean trouble for the airways (6)
67 Source of inspiration in a poetry-lover at Olympus (5)

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1 Cope equally with good and bad (4,3,5,4,3,6)
14 Receptacles for arriving paperwork (2-5)
15 Intervening (7,2)
16 Build anew (9)
18 Brownish-yellow (5)
19 Member of Periodic Table (7)
20 Cohabitation experiment (5,8)
21 Confused (7)
23 Bull elephant (6)
24 Small hitch (4)
25 Ugly building (7)
26 Expressed in pithy, witty form (12)
27 Fit to eat (6)
30 US native grasshopper (7)
33 Libertine's road to ruin (5,8)
36 With emotions under control (4-9)
37 Not gainsayable (10)
40 Ominous (8)
41 Make another ascent (7)
44 Hopelessness (7)
45 Polar expanse (3-5)
46 Legislative body (10)
48 Foreign rug of traditional pattern (7,6)
49 At which one bets on spin of wheel (8,5)
52 Lack (7)
53 More than one (6)
54 Like a mollusc with head and tentacles (12)
58 Fuel piped to house (4,3)
61 British Antipodean explorer (4)
62 Malvolio's employer, whom he courts (6)
63 Repair with fastenings (5,2)
65 First act on bill (7,6)
66 Records of meeting (7)
68 Ointment (5)
69 N Wales resort (9)
70 Motorists' map book (9)
71 Relating to the vocal apparatus (7)
72 Betjeman's lament for loss of Slough green space (5,4,5,2,5,1,3)

DOWN

1 Few and far between (4,2,3,6)
2 Grittily realistic type of drama (7-4)
3 Tourist (9)
4 Follow (5)
5 Band (9)
6 Urchins (12)
7 Painter who won a farthing from Ruskin (8)
8 Leg coverings (6)
9 Tinkle like a bell (14)
10 Insertion to block noise (7)
11 Intervene to reconcile (7)
12 Head (of coin) (7)
13 Age of the 'rose-red city' (4,2,3,2,4)
17 Feigned (9)
22 Raise objections (5)
28 Whisky factory (10)
29 Bowdlerise (9)
30 Small falcon (7)
31 Incisive (9)
32 House plant (10)
34 Astounding event (9)
35 West Indian lizard (9)
38 Authority for seizure of debtor's chattels (8-7)
39 Dispose (7)
42 Sunny colour of *Ranunculus* (9,6)
43 Stay hidden (4,3,2,5)
47 Occurring as an unexpected interruption (12)
48 Lab exam (9)
50 Ankle bone; scree (5)
51 The nation as a corporate entity (4,7)
55 Fireside carpet (9)
56 Submariner's viewer (9)
57 Climbing plant (8)
59 Magnifico (7)
60 Indefinitely (4,3)
61 Antelope; its leather as cloth (7)
64 Author of *The Golden Bough* (6)
67 Greek 'S' (5)

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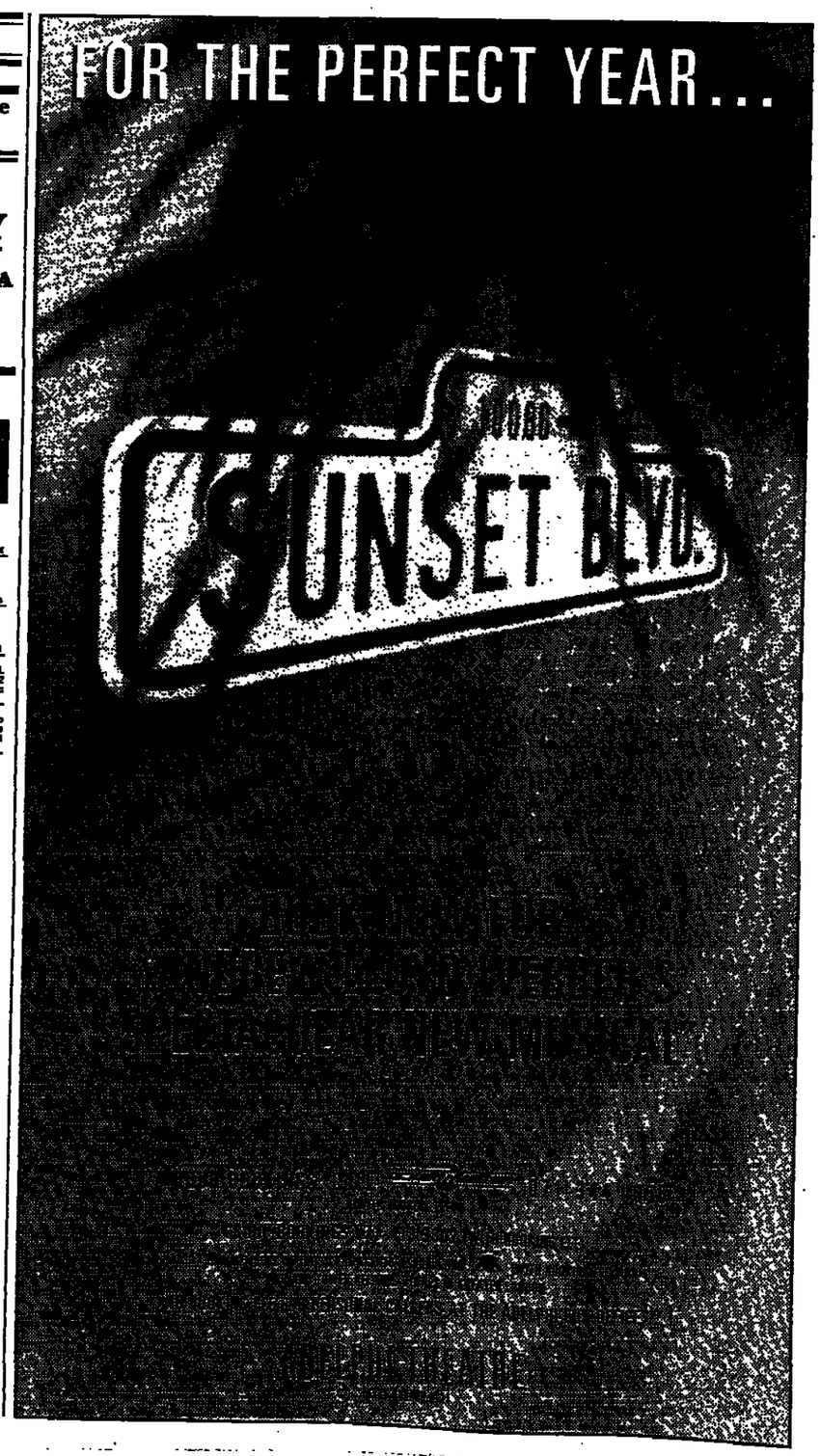
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Grave news as Phoebe kicks the feed bucket

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

A farm is a very useful thing to have at Christmas. In fact, my observant brother-in-law has often remarked at great family gatherings that if I did not have a farm to escape to I would have to invent one.

The truth is that by mid-afternoon on Christmas Day, when the dusk is beginning to fall, the family have eaten enough fodder to fatten a prize bull and the house is deep enough in wrapping paper to provide a decent bed for a flock of sheep, nothing is more welcome than an excuse to feed the livestock. On a large farm it is no doubt a chore; but if you are organised, you can whip round ours in 30 minutes and then return refreshed to eat and drink some more. It is one of the few days in the year when the pigs' eating habits are eclipsed.

This year we had a crisp, clear and frosty Christmas Day and my



regular afternoon round would have been a pleasure were it not for the Large Black shadow that has been hanging over us this Christmas. Last weekend, while the crowds were gathering for our Nativity play, the Three Kings were slipping on their dressing gowns and children tying tea-cloths round their heads, our Large Black sow, Phoebe, was dying. Of course, the show went on and I dashed from improvised stage to sty to attend the vet. In retrospect, I should have suspected something the night before when the feed-bowl was not quite empty.

Phoebe was probably the greediest pig we have ever raised, and her obsession with food was such that she would assume the slightest sound to be a harbinger of fodder. Certainly, it was not possible to open the back door of the house without her beginning to squeal, even if she had been fed 20 minutes previously. Having known her as a robust animal all her life, I was sad to see the life ebb from her; and it was equally confusing for her litter of piglets, who could not understand why the ever-providing mother had suddenly run dry.

The vet came twice and did his best but it was clear that she was not going to live. I knew an old horseman who swore he could take one look at a sick horse and know its chances of survival. "Yer can smell death on a horse," he said, but I hardly believed him then. I do now. Farmers get to know their stock so well that they can read them like a book. Perhaps, had I not been so preoccupied with the Nativity play, I might have read between the lines and spotted earlier that the pig was not well.



We gave her a grim little burial, the knacker-man not being interested in pig-meat. Robert and I took our spades and dug a grave in what was thankfully easily dug, sandy soil. In none of the books I have read is there ever any praise for the skills of the grave-digger, but digging a decent hole is no mean task. I went to a country funeral a few weeks ago and, never being able to resist the temptation to kick the soil with the toe of my foot to see "what sort o' land that be", I glanced down the perfectly shaped hole dug out of the most vicious, sticky and weighty clay. Digging that hole was no five-minute job for a boy.

But our grave-digging had its lighter moments. "Shall we drop her in Viking-style," suggested Robert, but I did not want to think of old Phoebe standing to attention six feet under. Instead, we dug a little deeper than we planned; we did not want to fill the hole and find we had trotters still waving in the air. And with the somewhat cheering thought from Robert that not many farm animals are lucky enough to die in their sleep, our grim little procession began.

The cold rain, carried on a northerly wind, poured on us as we dragged the dead pig onto our sledge and hauled her up the farm. Her litter of seven did not even give her a glance as we pulled her out of the sty past them, neither did Alice, her mother, give her even a nod of recognition as we lumbered past. Phoebe was a good old pig, a fine mother to five litters, and we shall miss her.

It is said, superstitiously, that to ensure good fortune for the coming year, the last to leave the household in the old year must be black, and first thing over the threshold at the beginning of the new must be black as well. We have had our black departure and, as you read this, will be looking hard for the black sign that tells us there is a more fortunate year ahead.

Master of country living



Sir Edwin Lutyens (above) died 50 years ago today. **Derwent May** reviews the architect's work



Homewood, the house in Hertfordshire Lutyens built for his mother-in-law. His wife, Lady Emily Lytton, later became a devoted follower of Krishnamurti

Sir Edwin Landseer Lutyens left behind him an English countryside on which he had impressed his mark far and wide. Because of him and his collaborator, the great gardener Gertrude Jekyll (pronounced *Jee*-kyll), a whole style of country house and garden has become popular.

In his hands, the traditional small, rustic country house found in places such as Surrey took on a new romantic richness and individuality — and a new spaciousness and grandeur inside.

As for the gardens, according to one historian, "the style that Lutyens and Jekyll arrived at, of romantically luxuriant planting within a firm architectural framework of terraces and garden 'rooms', is still the ideal towards which most gardeners strive". We all know them, those houses of deep porticos and high gables, standing among low walls, rose-laden pergolas and multi-coloured herbaceous borders.

Lutyens's father was an unsuccessful painter who was a friend of the artist of the Highlands, Edwin Landseer — which is how young Ned (as he was called) got his Christian names. He was not trained as architects are today. As a boy, he wandered alone through the Surrey countryside, looking at old buildings and watching new ones being built for prosperous landowners.

In 1885, when he was 16, he went to the South Kensington School of Art in London to study architecture, but he did not bother to finish the course: his head was full of his own ideas.

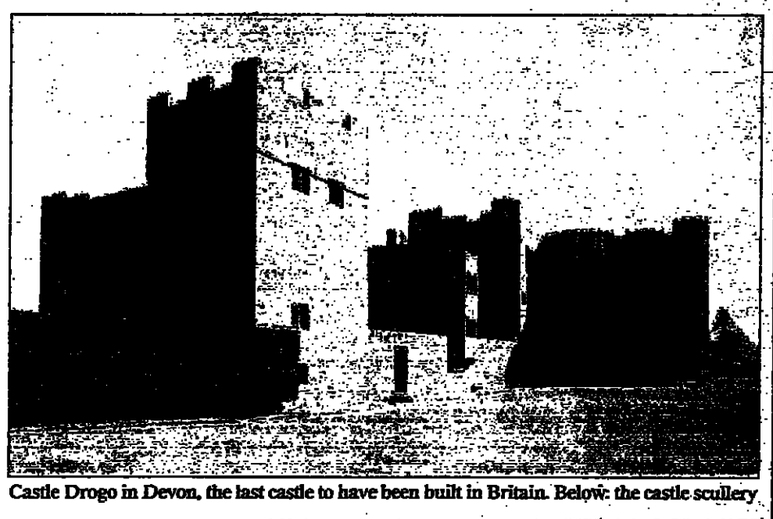
He became an apprentice in an architect's office, and when he was 20 he was invited to build a nine-bedroom house called Crooksbury, near Farnham, Surrey. He took on an old builder as an assistant — and he admitted later that he was so nervous while the house was being built that he did not dare visit it until the workmen had gone home.

From then on he never looked back. Some of the 50 or so country houses he built are now open to the public between April and October, and New Year's Day might be a good moment to plan a few visits in your new diary (details are given below).

Lutyens's meeting with Gertrude Jekyll also took place when he was 20. She was a short, stumpy woman, and he called her "Bumps", while to his own children she became "Aunt Bumps". Lutyens was a shy man, and even when he became a figure in society he concealed his awkwardness behind schoolboyish jokes and puns, such as his story of the bishop who asked his hostess for "owls' bowels on toast" for breakfast.

One of his finest early houses is Goddards, which is owned by a society of admirers, the Lutyens Trust. It stands on Abinger Common in Surrey, where the air sweeps up from the Weald. Outside, it has deep porches, brick-mullioned windows and soaring chimneys; inside, there is a dramatic "common room", with arched wooden beams and dainty bays. The paved Jekyll garden of 1899 has been kept much as it was.

Lutyens married Lady Emily Lytton, the daughter of the Viceroy of India. The story of this sad marriage is told with wonderful sensitivity by Mary Lutyens, his daughter, in her book *Edwin Lutyens* (the Black Swan paperback is available in many cut-price bookshops). It is the story of a deep love affair turning into sexual misery for both of them, with Emily eventually finding fulfilment in her devotion to the Indian spiritual teacher Krishnamurti.



Castle Drogo in Devon, the last castle to have been built in Britain. Below: the castle scullery



Early in their marriage, Ned built a small gabled house for his mother-in-law — Homewood, near the Lytton family home at Knebworth in Hertfordshire. Mary Lutyens has described the characteristic "sense of spaciousness" that Lutyens gave the house, its wide staircase lit by a glass roof on the first floor landing, and carpeted in apple-green.

About 1905, Lutyens began to admire the classical sense of structure more, and some of his houses took a new turn. He called it, typically, his "Wrenaissance". Great Maytham in Kent is like an ornamented Palladian mansion in purple and blue-grey brick, with a splendid pillared hall, and a dining-room with pilastered niches. Great Dixter in Sussex is, by contrast, a half-timbered house with a magnificent hammer-beam hall.

Then there are two spectacular houses owned by the National Trust. Lindisfarne Castle on Holy Island, Northumberland, is a former fort which Lutyens riddled with shadowy rooms breathing an air of ancient mystery. Castle Drogo in Devon is the last castle to have been built in Britain — a wild-looking yet profoundly ordered creation in granite that looks down on the wooded gorge of the Teign.

Lutyens went on from country houses to many other kinds of work. In London, there is the Cenotaph in Whitehall, of which he was so proud; the jewel-like Midland Bank building in Piccadilly, echoing Wren's St James's church next door; and the square in Hampstead Garden Suburb where St Jude's church soars high but the low cornice draws it into friendship with the houses all round. In India there is New Delhi and the great Viceroy's House.

Yet Lutyens's country houses are the ones that become more desirable every year. In an age that has rejected plainness only to embrace the tinsel glamour of post-modernism, they seem to show how deep and satisfying romantic architecture can be in the hands of a quirky genius.

● *Goddards, Abinger Common, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6JH (0306 730487 for appointment). The Lutyens Trust arranges visits to houses not usually open to the public — details from the membership secretary at Goddards. Knebworth House (with Jekyll garden), Stevenage, Herts (0438 812661). Great Maytham Hall, Rolvenden, Kent (details, 071-836-1624). Great Dixter, Northiam, E. Sussex (0797 253160). Lindisfarne Castle, Holy Island, Northumberland (0289 89244). Castle Drogo, Drewsteignton, Devon (0647 433306).*

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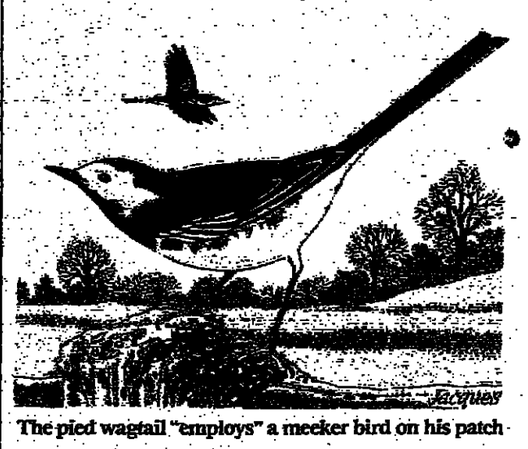
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Feather report



The pied wagtail "employs" a meeker bird on his patch

Wagtail with winning ways

Birds do not help each other much. Of course, adult birds feed their young, and some male birds feed their mates on the nest; but the general rule is "Every bird for itself". The pied wagtail is very unusual in that some of the males have a servant in winter.

Most people are familiar with the pied or water wagtail — the little black-and-white bird with a long tail that bounces up and down all the time. It feeds on lawns and roads and roof-tops, as well as at the water's edge, where it will sometimes wade in. Many males guard a territory in winter, particularly along rivers, where each bird patrols his own stretch of bank looking for washed-up food.

However, it is sometimes hard to keep intruders out of the territory, and quite often the owner will allow a less dominant bird — a female, or a first-winter male — to live in the territory with him. It helps him drive intruders out, and is allowed to pick up any food surplus to the owner's requirements. In ornithological jargon, it is a satellite.

The pied wagtail has other interesting territorial habits. Its favourite food is the midges that swarm on pats of cow-dung, and in a field with many cows there may be quite a gathering of the birds. However, in the sunshine of the middle of the day, when the midges are swarming energetically, each of the pied wagtails will guard its own pat, as though it were its own table in a restaurant. In the cool of the evening, when the midges have gone, the birds abandon their miniature territories, and flock together to share the search for food.

The conversion of so many farms to unmixed arable land in eastern England has led to a drop in the number of pied wagtails there. It is not only the reduction in the number of cattle, but also the disappearance of farm ponds that has affected them.

However, they have increased in Wales and north-west England, and are perhaps more birds of the upland than they used to be. You find them nesting in stone walls in Scotland and the Lake District, as well as in all sorts of bizarre holes, like the glove-pockets of abandoned cars.

On the roads, they often pick up the insects hit by cars, as well as caterpillars that fall off overhanging trees. They run at their prey, giving a particularly vigorous wag of their tail at the end of each sprint.

They have a brisk, babbling song, heard in the spring and again briefly in the autumn, while their regular call-note is quite distinctive, a loud "chissick". They have the most undulating flight of all the British birds — and it is always a good moment for me when one comes bouncing through the air, making that call with each dip-and-rise, and settles with a flourish of its tail on the garage roof.

DERWENT MAY

● **What's about** *Birders — check gull roosts on reservoirs and lakes for Iceland and glaucous gulls. Twitchers — adult ivory gull feeding on a dead seal on North Uist, Outer Hebrides; hoopoes wintering at Taverham, Norfolk. Details from Birdline, 0891 700222. Calls cost 36p a minute cheap rate, 45p at all other times.*

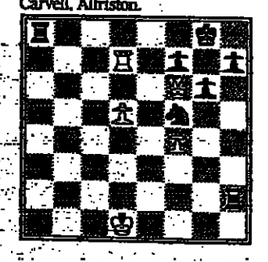
By Raymond Keene

Today's position is from the game Suetin – Hodgson, Hastings Premier 1991. The White king is trapped on the back rank. Can you see how Black forced a decisive material gain?

Send you answers on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington St, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer will be published next Saturday.

Solution to December 18's competition: 1 Qg8+

The December 18 winners are: I G Robertson, Beckenham, Kent; A Doran, Oldham, Lancs; C A Carvell, Alfriston.



By Philip Howard

DOXASTIC
a. Pursuing young women
b. To do with opinion
c. Seeming

ELDRITCH
a. Weird, frightful
b. The oldest
c. Elderberry wine

ADVENTITIOUS
a. Merchant adventuring
b. Taking place in December
c. Accidental

BASTO
a. A Spanish foot-cane
b. Enough! Silence!
c. The ace of clubs

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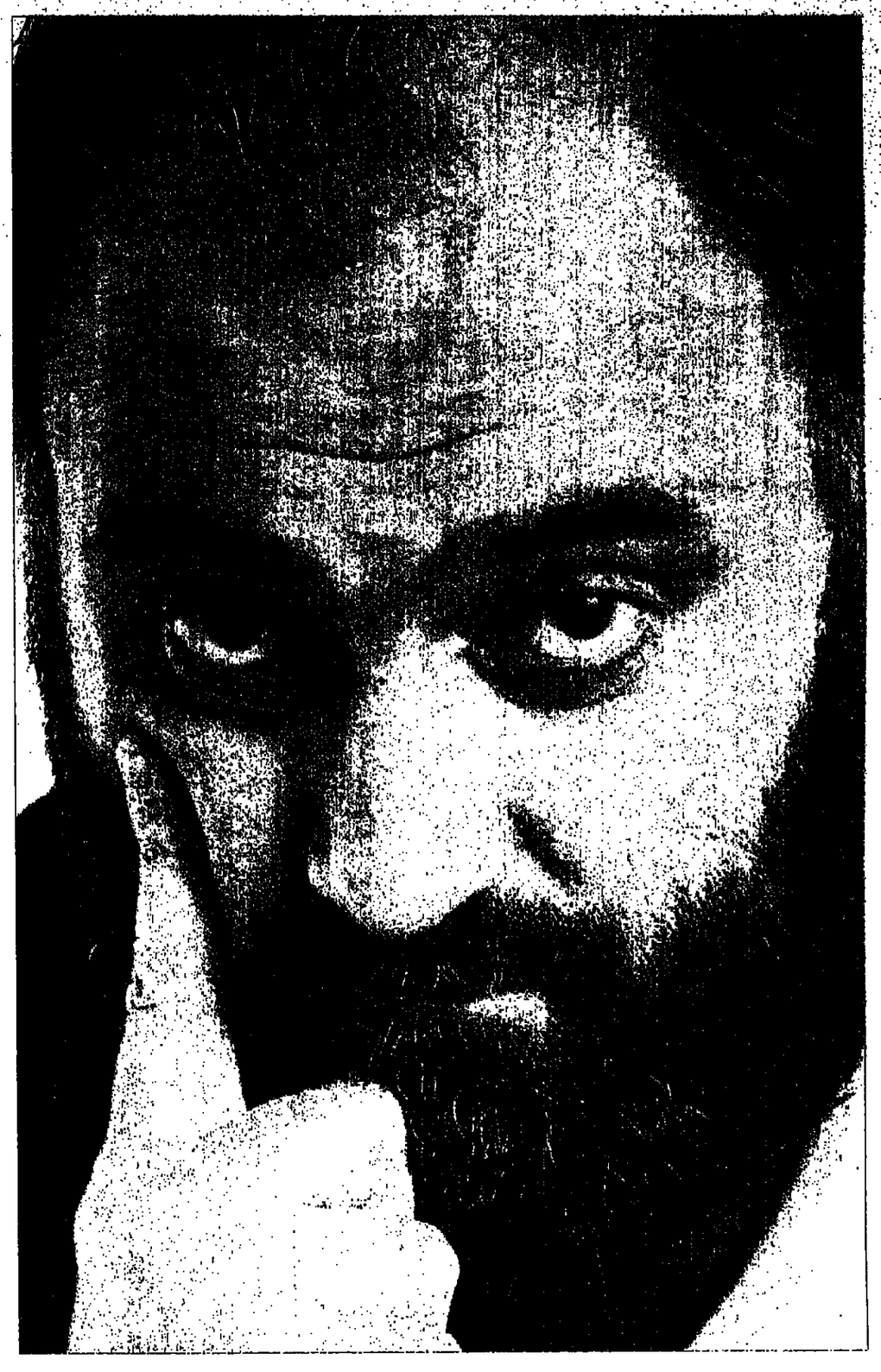
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People of the Valley

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Laurie Taylor's pick of the week ahead.
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CHANNEL-HOPPING

Hates, hits, fags and fakers

David Flusfeder makes his pick of the week's programmes on all channels



Penn (left) and Teller: an illusion of anarchy on Channel 4

EVERYMAN:
What Magdalena Said
Sunday, BBC 1, 10.25pm
WHAT Magdalena said was that she wanted to rid her town of all its brown-skinned inhabitants. She was competing in a Czech beauty pageant at the time. The compere called her a brave girl and the white-skinned audience all applauded. Magdalena lives in the Czech town of Usti-nad-Labem. (Her parents, like many in the middle-class part of town, live in a house confiscated — possessions and all — from Sudetenland Germans deported at the end of the Second World War). The "brown-skinned inhabitants" are the gypsies, many caught in a hopeless bureaucratic trap now that Czechoslovakia has split into the Czech and Slovak republics.

The Czechs here don't like the gypsies. The Slovaks won't take them. But, for a while, they shelter under the charmed protection of the *Everyman* crew's camera. "How differently she treats us when we are being filmed," says Yveta, a gypsy woman battling in a council office for a passport and a place to live. The programme is partly the story of the different conditions of white and brown. And it's partly the story of people struggling with life after communism.
*** **Excellent documentary of beauty queen bigotry and gypsy victims**

30 YEARS OF TOP OF THE POPS
Tuesday, BBC 1, 8pm
DIGGING THE DANCING QUEENS
Tuesday, BBC 1, 10.50pm
SMASHY and Nicey spin the video platters from the show that is a record of pop hits, some great, most awful. But even more interesting than the range of bad miming styles, there are the audiences. You can trace the genealogy of flick-back hairstyles and admire the constancy of acned skin and traditional "dancing" — graceless bodies shivering from side to side. As a happy companion piece, *Digging the Dancing Queens* is a celebration of Pan's People, the awkward in-house troupe that used to have adolescent boys squirming with desire and adolescent girls bursting with emulatory ambition.
* **A generation of music, fashion and silly haircuts**

KIND OF BLUE
Tuesday, Channel 4, 9pm
THERE are very few people who make me scream "Get off!" at the television. James Hillman is one of them. Hillman is the prattling "expert" whose involvement in *Architecture of the Imagination* turned a pretty, vacuous series into a fatuous one. He also seems to do his best to ruin this "exploration of melancholia and depression" by being banal, portentous and appearing to think entirely by word association.

There are some good contributions elsewhere in this programme, notably from novelist Jenny Diski and writer Trevor Preston, who speak intimate, unhappy truths. And, to reward us for watching this thought-provoking, incoherent essay, we are offered some beautifully melancholy images and music (but these are mostly uncredited).
* **Sloppily interesting study of melancholy and depression**

NETWORK FIRST:
Florence and Robin
Tuesday, ITV, 10.40pm
FLORENCE and Robin are a lesbian couple who want to have a baby. They live in the "gaybyboom" town of San Francisco (we are shown a school playground where one in six of the children have gay or lesbian parents — one pretty little girl wears a T-shirt that reads, "If You Think I'm Cute You Should See My Mother's Girlfriend"). The worthy successor to Yorkshire TV's *First Tuesday* series does a good job in presenting the issues, biological, practical, emotional and ethical, that surround the phenomenon of homosexual parenting. We see a lesbian-run IVF clinic, meet lesbian mother couples, sperm donors and, on the other side, a doctor and a philosopher who reject utterly the notion of homosexual parents. (And we also hear some hate telephone calls along the lines of "You will burn in your own blood. You're sick. I will bash gays for the rest of my life.") Would-be-mothers can now choose sperm on the basis of donor's physical and psychological profiles — this is either "the smashing of heterosexual privilege" or scary eugenics, depending on your point of view.
** **Fascinating look at San Francisco gayby boom**

SHORT STORIES:
The Final Puff
Friday, Channel 4, 8pm
ARNIE Shuter has been a 30-a-day smoker for the last 40 years. He lives in Wales and has a glamorous wife in London and two pretty dark-haired daughters (one of whom produced this programme). He is happy, he says, to do "boring work for interesting people". He is not happy, though, to be still be a smoker.

Enter Alan Carr, the anti-smoking guru. Carr runs giving-up clinics from his suburban home and this episode of the almost uniformly excellent *Short Stories* series shows Arnie and other addicts submitting themselves to Carr's pleasant, hynotic, expensive manner. "The nightmare is ended," soothes Carr at the end. Part of Carr's appeal is that he persuasively attacks the myth of cigarettes as providing crutch and pleasure. But he also claims to be able to restore smokers to the innocent grace of non-smokers — I sceptically puffed my way through this part of the programme.
** **Accountant learns to kick the smoking habit**

THE UNPLEASANT WORLD OF PENN AND TELLER
Friday, Channel 4, 10.30pm
PENN is the big jerk with the bad haircut and the blustering patter. Teller is the small mute one with the mincing looks and the sneaky tricks. Together they make up a very effective magic double act. They pretend to be rock 'n' roll anarchists, claiming to break all the polite rules of conjuring while introducing elements of genuine danger. When people keep yelling so loudly how dangerous they are then you know it's all an act, and they do like to spin their gags for much too long, but there are thrills and laughs along the way and an excellent final routine.
* **Entertaining American magic act**

COMMENTARY BOX

"Anyone who says they have half a mind to watch wrestling is adequately equipped"
ANONYMOUS



THURSDAY JANUARY 6

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Nicole James (FM only) with the Early Breakfast Show **7.00** Bruno Brookes, featuring the School Report and Yesterday Today **9.00** Simon Mayo: including the Golden Hour, another confession, and at **11.33**, three songs from one artist **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Johnnie Walker in the Afternoon **5.00** News '94 **5.15** Evening Session presented by Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq **9.00** The Guest List: Mark Kermode presents the arts magazine **10.00** Mark Radcliffe, live from Manchester with music, comedy and interviews **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only) with music past and present

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Adrian Love with the Early Show **8.15** Pause for Thought with Trevor McDonald **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce, including at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Angela Rippon **3.30** Ed Stewart with the Accumulator Quiz and Where Are You Now? **5.05** John Dunn, including the Mystery Voice competition **7.00** The Queen of Romance: Comedy series with Lesley Joseph as blockbusting writer Angela Temple **7.30** Wally Whyton with country music **9.00** Paul Jones invites ten of the country's leading blues experts to select the top ten of 1993 **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air, presented by Catriona Young. Holst (St Paul's Suite); Mendelssohn (Song without Words, Op 19 No 5); Strauss (Die heiligen drei Könige); Brahms (Academic Festival Overture); Cornelius (The Three Kings); Tippett (Concerto for double string orchestra)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Edward Elgar. Penny-Gore visits Brinkwells, the Sussex cottage where Elgar spent his summers during the First World War. Moths and Butterflies, The Wand of Youth; Le drapeau belge; Piano Quintet in A minor — first movement; The Wind at Dawn; Violin Sonata in E minor
10.00 Musical Encounters: Arne (Thou soft flowing Avon); Krebs (Fantasia No 1 in F); Schubert, compl Weingartner (Symphony No 7 in E); Vivaldi (Concerto in F, Autumn, RV293); Schumann (Cello Concerto in A minor); Quilter (Three Shakespeare Songs); Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor, Unfinished)
12.00 Ensemble (r) 1.00pm News
1.05pm Opera Matinée: Don Quichotte. Toulouse Capitole Chorus and Orchestra under Michel Plasson perform Jules Massenet's 1910 opera version of Cervantes's epic novel. Sung in French. With José Van Dam in the title role
3.15 Bach and Forwards: Sylvia Rosenberg, violin, Caroline Palmer, piano, perform Bach (Violin Sonata No 1 in B minor, BWV 1014); Schubert (Violin Sonata in A, D574); Stravinsky (Suite Italienne)
4.20 All the Music's a Stage: In the second of six programmes using music to examine the works of Shakespeare, Graham Fawcett introduces love songs by Haydn, Schubert and Morley
4.35 Chamber Orchestra of Europe under Jean-Bernard Pommier. Ravel (Pavane pour une infante défunte); Rousseil (Petite Suite, Op 39)
5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson
6.15 In Tune: Respighi (The Adoration of the Magi, Botticelli Pictures); Telemann (Concerto for four violins); Liszt (Paganini Studies); J.C. Bach (Symphony No 6 in G)
7.30 Hallé Orchestra under Kent Nagano with Viktoria Mullova, violin. Live from Manchester's Free Trade Hall. Webern (Five Pieces, Op 10); Berg (Violin Concerto); **8.10** Interval Talk; **8.30** Bach (Chaconne, Violin Partita in D minor); Beethoven (Symphony No 5 in C minor)
9.30 The Incomparable Max: Sarah Bernhardt's *Hamlet* and the music hall artist Dan Leno are recalled in the memoirs of Max Beerbohm
9.45 Classical Guitar Festival of Great Britain 1993: Juan Martin plays flamenco music from the festival's opening recital. Zapateado; Solea; Rondeña, Aurora; Lamento moriseo; Bulerías
10.15 A Different Rhythm: The impact of black music and musicians on the British music scene (r)
10.45 Night Waves, presented by Roy Porter
11.30 Voices: Iain Burnside remembers the soprano Lucia Popp, who died in November. He also introduces a concert she gave in 1991 at St John's, Smith Square, London. Dvořák (Five Songs); Mahler (Phelmlegendchen; Abschied in Sommer; Wo die schönen Trompeten blasen; Wer hat dies Liedlein erdacht?, Des Knaben Wunderhorn); Strauss (Himmelsboten; Ein Obdach gegen Sturm und Regen; Morgen; Wiegenliedchen, Blauer Sommer; In goldener Fülle) (r) **12.30-12.35am News**

RADIO 4

5.58am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.48** Business News **6.55, 7.58** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.48** Thought for the Day **8.40** The Magic of My Youth: Extracts from Arthur Calder Marshall's autobiography (4/6) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r)
9.30 The Unfamiliar Family: See Pick, Page 24
10.00-10.30 Jane and Prudence (FM only): The third of a six-part dramatisation by Elizabeth Proud of Barbara Pym's sequel to *Crampton Hodnet*
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Matthew (8/10) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray talks to Sarah Tyacke, keeper of the Public Record Office. Serial: *North and South.* Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.28pm Kelly's Heroes: The Journalist. A 20-part documentary written and presented by Chris Kelly. With Richard Griffiths (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Voices Offstage, by Peter Ling. The intense partnership between actors Ellen Terry and Henry Irving was celebrated both on and off stage. But, one day, the curtain had to fall. With Dorothy Tutin and Christopher Godwin
3.00 News; A Very Suitable Occasion: An account of the second Barbara Pym Literary Weekend, held at St Hilda's College, Oxford (r)
3.30 Sweet Memories: In 1911, marketing genius George William Horner started his toffee company and developed a character to decorate his tins — Dainty Dinah (r)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews Sir Peter Hall's production of Feydeau's *An Absolute Turkey*
4.45 Short Story: Two's Company, by Alison Campbell. Read by Andrea Wray
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Darling You Were Marvellous, chaired by Sandi Toksvig. Regulars Nick Revell and Tony Hawks are joined by Tony Slattery and Jan Ravens. See Pick, Page 24
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Estate: Phil Smith observes a year in the hectic life of the Bolton Abbey Estate (r)
8.00 Inside the New Civil Service A Quiet Revolution. The Civil Service is undergoing the biggest reorganisation in its 140-year history. Sheena McDonald presents the first of a three-part series asking whether public service can exist alongside modern business methods
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? with Ted Harrison
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.55 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Changes of Address, by Lee Langley. Read by Juliet Stevenson (7/8)
11.00 The Comedians, by Graham Greene. Starring Michael Kitchen as Brown (4/8) (r)
11.30 King Arthur: The story of Arthur Uther Pendragon, whose reincarnation has mysteriously splitted him from the Round Table to a council house in Farnborough (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** All in the Family Gavin Campbell and Liz Barclay look at family finances **10.25** AM Alternative **12.30pm** Personal Best: Carmen Pryce reports on how science helps sportsmen and women to train **1.10pm** The Crunch with Liz Kershaw **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** Spinning Stars: Capricorn, by Peter Thomson. Someone is sending threatening notes to a dictorial director (1/2) **7.15** Bedknob and Broomstick (9/10) **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Wael Jon Rowlands presents new music, with Lily Savage and Doctor Phil Hammond **8.30** Brighton Rock: Ken Whitmore's dramatisation of Graham Greene's classic novel about gangland crime on the pre-war Brighton racetracks **10.10** Eastern Beat with Danny Chorenji and Perminder Khaikar **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Handel (Harp Concerto); Dittersdorf (Harp Concerto) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** The Travel Guide: Paul Rowley visits Indiana and Ohio **8.00** Evening Concert: Music by Scriabin. Piano Sonata No 2 in G sharp minor, Symphony No 3: Prometheus **10.00** Jamie Crick **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** World News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Network UK **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Good Books **8.30** John Peel **9.00** World News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** From Our Own Correspondent **9.30** The Farming World **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Assignment **10.30** J Kingston Platt **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin. News in German **Noon** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** *Multicheck* **2** **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Oil the Shelf: *Oil the Rails* **2.45** The Learning World **3.00** World News **3.15** Ray on Record **4.00** World News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell. News in German **5.00** World News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell News in German **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop: including Nachrichten aus Grossbritannien; Britain's Top Ten: Tips für Touristen **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** World News **10.10** British News **10.15** Network UK **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Music Review **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** The Story of Western Music **1.00** World News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** On the Move **1.45** Global Concerns **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Gelshed at Bleudings **3.00** World News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** World News **4.15** Sharp Talents

FRIDAY JANUARY 7

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Nicole James with the Early Breakfast Show (FM only) **7.00** Bruno Brookes with news, weather and traffic reports, including at **7.20** the result of the Chartbeater competition **9.00** Simon Mayo, including his and headlines from two classic years in the Golden Hour **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Johnnie Walker in the Afternoon **5.00** News '94 **5.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection: with the Cool Cute Chart, and his guide to the best dancefloors **10.00** John Peel, with sessions from two new groups, Braid Zone and AC Acoustics **1.00-4.00pm** Mark Tonderai presents non-stop music (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Adrian Love **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Angela Rippon **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jameson at the Opera **7.30** Paisley Night is Music Night **8.45** Comedy Bookcase: Tim Brooke-Taylor reads from A.G. Macdonell's *England Their England*, about a village cricket match **9.00** Listen to the Band: The Stocksbridge Engineering Steels Band under Kevin Bolton **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme previews events planned to celebrate Manchester's *Year of Drama* **12.00am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00-4.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air, presented by Catriona Young. Wendelssohn (Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage); Elgar (The Swimmer, Sea Pictures); Bach (Violin Concerto in A minor, BWV 1041); Stanford (Irish Rhapsody No 1 in D minor); Respighi (The Birds); Mendelssohn (Song without Words, Op 19 No 6)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Elgar (Wild Bears, The World of Youth; Cello Concerto in E minor; Zuli Zuli; Soliloquy; Arthur's Passage to Avalon)
10.00 Musical Encounters, from Belfast with Stephanie Hughes. Krebs (In allen meinen Taten); Vaughan Williams (Three Shakespeare Songs); Strauss (Oboe Concerto); Purcell, (Phoebus and the Four Seasons, the Fairy Queen); Liszt (Concert Study No 2, Gnomenreigen); Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C, Great); Vivaldi (Concerto in F minor, Winter)
12.00 Voices: Tribute to the soprano Lucia Popp (r)
1.05pm North Wales Music Festival '93: Franz Schubert Quartet performs Mozart (String Quartet in B flat, Hunt, K458); Shostakovich (String Quartet No 13 in B flat minor, Op 138)
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: Jeunesses Musicales World Orchestra under Yakov Kreizberg performs Schumann (Symphony No 4 in D minor); Riemann (Seven Fragments, In memoriam Robert Schumann); Bartók (Concerto for Orchestra)
3.35 Songs of Spring: Schubert (Frühlingslied; Frühlingsglaube; Im Frühling; Frühlingssehnsucht; Schwanengesang); Julian Philips (Now I lay me down to dream of spring). With Martyn Hill, tenor, and Andrew Ball, piano
4.30 From Lake Victoria to the Great Rift Valley: John Low presents the traditional music of western Kenya. He visits the Luo people of the Siaya district and the Pokot cattle-herders in the north where many kinds of lyre are still played
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson meets orchestral percussionists Maggie Cotton, Sam Walton and Gary Kettel, and presents the week's composition
8.15 In Tune, with Richard Baker. Mozart (Overture, The Magic Flute); Milhaud (Suite d'après Corrette), Mozart (Serenade No 6 in D, K239); Rossini (Soirées musicales — selections)
7.00 Great Orchestras of the World: St Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra under Marles Janeons performs Berlioz (Overture, Roman Carnival); Sibelius (Violin Concerto in D minor; Maxim Vengarov); Rachmaninov (Three Symphonic Dances, Op 45)
9.00 The Incomparable Max. Concluding the five-part adaptation of the memoirs of the caricaturist and parodist Max Beerbohm
9.15 Piano Duets: Isabel Beyer and Harvey Dagul play Peyel (Sonata in G minor) and Ries (Grand Sonata in A minor, Op 169)
10.25 Dave Frishberg — In Cabaret In the first of two recordings for Radio 3, the jazz pianist, composer and singer plays some of his most popular songs, including "Blizzard of Lies" and "Snappin' the Cakes on Me"
10.45 Nureyev Dance of Life and Death: See Pick, Page 24
11.30 Midnight Oil: Alwynne Pritchard presents an evocation of life in London with voices from the sound archives and music by Ian Gardiner
12.30-12.35am News

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9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the neurologist Dr Oliver Sacks (r)
9.45 This Land Was Made for You and Me. The first of six talks about America and Americans. The film critic Michael Medved argues that Hollywood distorts the picture that most of us have of the United States
10.00-10.30 Dear Diary (FM only). Simon Brett presents extracts for January 7
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Matthew (9/10) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour. Ruth Pitt introduces the programme from Manchester. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Food Programme 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Waverley, by Sir Walter Scott. First of a four-part dramatisation (r)
3.00 News; Goodbye to All That. Days in the first of a four-part series looking at the world's creative communities. Simon Parkes visits the island of Majorca (r)
3.30 Faith, Fact and Fiction: Rosemary Hartill looks at the turbulent political, literary and spiritual life of Dr Jonathan Swift, the 18th-century Dean of St Patrick's, Dublin (r)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Tim Marlow talks to A.S. Byatt and other studio guests about the influence of Matisse on their work
4.45 Short Story: According to Michael, by Evelyn Conlon. Read by Frances Tomelty
5.00 PM with Chris Lowe and Hugh Sykes **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Janet Trevan and Peter Macann present the transport magazine
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, presented by Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Among Jonathan Dimbleby's guests in Walsall are David Green, director of Voluntary Services Overseas, and Charles Kennedy, MP, president of the Liberal Democrats
8.50 Bright Sparks: Anna Kelleher meets young embryologist Dr Virginia Horton (r)
9.15 Kaleidoscope Unplugged. The last *Kaleidoscope* live programmes from 1993
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Changes of Address, by Lee Langley. Juliet Stevenson reads the final part
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical look back at the week's news with Sally Grace and company
11.25 Fourth Column: Simon Hoggart and friends "write" wrongs
11.45 There's a Tortoise in Line. Mark Steyn gives his personal solutions for monarchies in trouble, with the help of the BBC's sound archives (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition with Michele Stephens **9.00** All in the Family. Gavin Campbell and Liz Barclay look at family health **10.25** The AM Alternative **12.30pm** Over the Moon — Stick as a Parrot: Roy McGrath referees a new football quiz with half-time refreshments from the BBC sound archives **1.10** The Crunch, with Liz Kershaw **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** WICR. Environmental drama series **7.15** Bedknob and Broomstick: In the final part, the magic bedknobs is put to work for the last time **7.30** Popsail. Phone-in pop quiz **8.30** Euromix, with Miranda Ros **9.30** Teen Lurve: Don't Look Left, Look Right. Teenage love stories by Gareth Williams **10.10** Revs **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

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6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Vaughan Williams (Oboe Concerto; Maurice Bourgue, English String Orchestra) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: Riccardo Chailly conducts Lalo (Cello Concerto in D minor); Bruckner (Symphony No 2 in C minor) **10.00** Jamie Crick **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

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